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GANDHIJI WILL TERMINATE FAST TO-DAY

In Good Spirits On Last Day Of Ordeal

Wheeled To Verandah For "Darshan": Rajaji Leaves For Bombay

BOMBAY, March 2.

A Bombay Government 'communique' states:—"The following is the report on Mr. Gandhi's condition upto this afternoon:—

"There is no change in Mr. Gandhi's condition. He is in good spirits."

SIGNED BY DR. B. C. ROY, MAJ.-GEN. R. H. CANDY, DR. M. D. D. GILDER, DR. S. NAYAR, LIEUT.-COL. M. G. BHANDARI, LIEUT.-COL. B. Z. SHAH.—A.P.

AGA KHAN PALACE GATES OPENED TO VISITORS FOR LAST TIME

POONA, March 2.

The gates of the Aga Khan Palace opened to visitors for the last time to-day, the twenty-first and last day of the fast.

The weather was close and stuffy, and Mahatma Gandhi was wheeled from his room to the verandah, so that the visitors—the largest number since the fast commenced on February 10—could have "Darshan" of the Mahatma.

Among those who saw Mahatma Gandhi to-day were Mr. M. S. Aney, Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar, Mr. Rathindranath Tagore and his family, Miss Gladys Owen, Father Lash of the Christa Seva Sangh, Mr. A. V. Thakkar of the Harijan Seva Sangh, Prof. Tan-Yun-Shun of the Sino-Kalabhavan, Viswabharati University, Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, Lady Vithaldas Thakersy and members of the Bajaj family.

While most of the visitors had to be content with "Darshan" of the Mahatma, Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar and Mr. Aney are understood to have had a quiet talk with Mahatma Gandhi lasting more than forty-five minutes.

From to-morrow, no visitors except doctors will be permitted to see Mahatma Gandhi, it is understood.—A.P.

"He is perhaps the man in our world who has once again demonstrated, on an immense scale the creative power of saintliness and of faith in the reality of moral principle ... By the sublime simplicity of his moral courage he restored to the masses of his fellow-countrymen their self-respect and a belief in their own humanity. And in doing so he has changed the course of history and decided the future of a great part of the human race."

—PROFESSOR JOHN MACMURRAY.

Prayer By Relatives And Friends

(From Our Own Correspondent)
POONA, March 2.

The last day of Mahatma Gandhi's fast is drawing to a close and within a few hours he will break it.

Relatives and friends of the Mahatma will pray for Gandhiji at 9 a.m. at a spot four miles away from the palace of the Aga Khan.

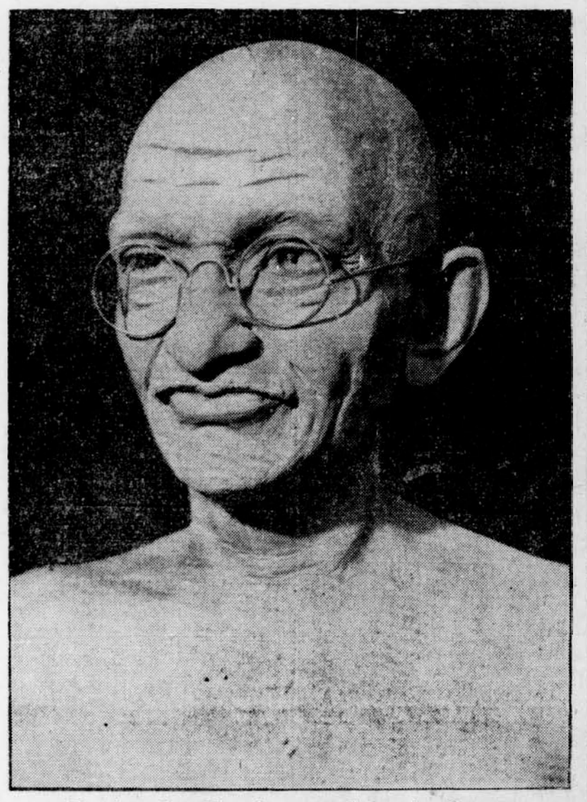
Quantity Of Citrus Juice That Gandhiji Took

POONA, March 2.

According to Doctors, Mahatma Gandhi has been taking four to six ounces of citrus on an average daily, diluted in water, the quantity of water depending on his capacity to take it.

Medical opinion stated that this quantity of citrus juice could not be of much nutritive value and explained that a person who was resting and did no muscular work required from 1,800 to 2,000 calories a day to keep the human system going while the calorie contents in four ounces of citrus juice were about 80. The addition of citrus juice which contained alkaline salts was only to enable Mahatma Gandhi to take water and retain it, which he was finding difficult to do on account of nausea.—A.P.

"I have found myself much wondering, of late, whether even now at an age when he is entitled to lay down his armour and prepare in a sannyast's quiet for his final release, Mahatma Gandhi may not have one closing task, crowning his whole life's work, yet to perform—to take leadership, here in the West, of those unled millions in all the nations of Europe, who long for a righteous and lasting settlement and peace won without strife or hatred, and show us what we must do and what we must suffer that such peace may be achieved"
—REV. JACK C. WINSLOW.



He breaks his fast to-day at 8 a.m.

—Photograph of a bust of Mahatma Gandhi made by the well-known local sculptor, V. V. Wagh.

U. P. Zamindars Demand Gandhiji's Release

NEW DELHI, March 2.

Yuveraj Dutta Singh, as President of the British Indian Association (Oudh) has sent the following resolutions passed at a meeting of the Executive Committee held in Lucknow yesterday to the Private Secretary to H.E. the Viceroy on release of Mahatma Gandhi:

"This meeting of the Executive Committee of the British Indian Association, Oudh, Lucknow, while strongly deprecating the disturbances committed by irresponsible persons which threw the country into chaos for the time being, requests H.E. the Viceroy to reconsider his decision and release Mahatma Gandhi unconditionally at an early date, even after the successful termination of his fast, as his life is a great national asset."—A.P.

RAJAJI FOR BOMBAY

POONA, March 2.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari left for Bombay to-night.

He will remain in Bombay for some hours and leave for Madras to-morrow afternoon to see his brother who has been ill.—A. P.

Leaders' Conference Should Meet Again, Says Rajaji

POONA, March 2.

"I can say nothing definitely for while I see some light and I have caught some hope from Gandhiji's bedside, I cannot say I got anything clear in my mind as yet" declared Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar interviewed by the Associated Press before his departure for Bombay tonight.

Mr. Rajagopalachariar, who has been here for the last four days saw Gandhiji daily and had taks with him.

NEXT STEP

Mr. Rajagopalachariar said: "There is much cause for anger and bitterness but we should check these feelings and devise ways and means to overcome difficulties. It was all dark when I arrived at Poona. I have seen Gandhiji and talked with him both seriously and lightly sitting by his bedside these four days. It was a privilege by itself.

"My distress is much less as I go back from here and I seem gradually to be recovering hope.

It is necessary that those who met at Delhi recently should meet again and think furiously.

Mr. Rajagopalachariar added: I must meet friends and think out some plan".

VALUE OF FAST

The continued fast should chasten our own souls and bring people together closer to one another than they were before and make people turn their critical faculty towards themselves before focussing it on others.

Mr. Rajagopalachariar declined to be drawn into any conversation in regard to his talks with Gandhiji and said: "I should like to stop at this and not be questioned about further plans at this stage."—A.P.

"Mahatma Gandhi must be saluted as the twentieth-century saint who stands uniquely alone, and who both by teaching and example points the way to salvation in a world which, if it heed him not, is doomed to self-destruction."

—Miss ETHEL MANNIN.

"His spirit is like a great energy that has the power of uniting men because it affects some inner sensitivity and draws them together."

—Dr. MARIA MONTESSORI.

"We must all revere a man who has throughout a life of devoted service persisted in the sternest self-discipline, the most exacting renunciations, the passion for self-purification."

—ARTHUR MOORE.

MAHATMA DOES ALL THE TALKING

POONA, March 2.

Mr. M. S. Aney had a second interview with Mahatma Gandhi this afternoon and had twenty-five minutes' talks with him. The "United Press" understands that during the major part of their discussion Gandhiji did all the talking despite Mr. Aney's warning not to exhaust himself.

Mr. Aney spent some time with Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, who in her characteristic humour reminded Mr. Aney that she was older than him, and gave him tea and fruits. It is understood that Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, who came to the Aga Khan's Palace in the meanwhile, also joined Mrs. Naidu's little tea party.

Mr. Rajagopalachari called on Mr. N. C. Kelkar and was closeted with him and also Mr. Aney for some time.

BIDHAN ROY TO COME AGAIN

The "United Press" understands that Gandhiji has expressed a desire that Dr. B. C. Roy should pay him another visit; and accordingly Dr. Roy has applied to the Government for necessary permission. If the permission sought for is granted to him, Dr. Roy is expected here again by the end of this month.

LIVING BUDDHA

In an interview to the "United Press", Prof. Tan Yun-Shan said: "We, Chinese people, regard Gandhiji as a living Buddha of modern India, and have the profoundest love and greatest veneration for him. We can imagine how deeply the people of China are concerned about Gandhiji's health. I most honestly pray with my Indian brethren that God may spare Mahatmaji to us for many years to come, and that Mahatmaji will live in this world a full span of life, for 120 years, as he himself has once said."—United Press.

NAWAB OF MURSHIDABAD APPEALS TO ALL COMMUNITIES

CALCUTTA, March 2.

Observance of March 3 when Mahatma Gandhi's fast will come to end, "as a day of self-discipline and national unity", by prayers and like observances in every home, temple, mosque and church, is suggested in an appeal issued to-day over the signatures of the Nawab Bahadur of Murshidabad, President and the Members of the Executive Committee of the Hindu-Muslim Unity Association, Bengal.

QUICK WORK AT DEMIANSK

Soviet Deal Heavy Blow To Sixteenth German Army

LONDON, March 2.

In his morning despatch Reuters' special correspondent in Moscow says it is now known that it took Marshal Timoshenko's forces only three hours to throw the Germans out of the town of Demiansk, the centre of the great German fortified area south-east of Lake Ilmen. Over 40 German planes were captured on the aerodrome there.

What was a pistol pointed at a vital link in the Soviet positions has been turned against the Germans. The Germans had schemes for Demiansk. But once more M. talin's strategy has rendered the German plans worthless. The Sixteenth German Army are leaving 8,000 of their comrades dead on the battle field and 3,000 others as prisoners in Soviet hands.

In the Lake Ilmen area Marshal Timoshenko has already recaptured 900 square miles and 302 townships and villages.

The Supplement to the Soviet Communique reports that in hand-to-hand fighting Soviet troops captured an important height west of Rostov. Several inhabited localities were captured west of Kharkov and 300 Germans were killed.

In offensive engagements west of Kursk, one Soviet unit destroyed ten tanks and took prisoners.

Last night's Soviet Communique states, "Recently our troops on the north-western front launched an offensive against the enemy in the Demyansk region.

In eight days' fighting our troops cleared the enemy out of 302 inhabited localities including the district centre of Demyansk and the centres of Lychkovo and Zaluchie.

SOVIET THREAT TO TAGANROG

The German High Command announced last night that Russians have launched a new offensive against the sector of the front at Lake Ladoga east of Leningrad.

The German News Agency reported last night a large-scale Soviet attack against German positions on the Mius River near Taganrog.

RED ARMY THANKS WAVELL

Marshal Shaposhnikov has telegraphed Field Marshal Wavell expressing "sincere gratitude of the High Command of the Red Army for your friendly congratulations on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary and for the flattering appreciation of the successes of the Soviet troops."

TWO CHINESE FINED

CALCUTTA: Two Chinese nationals were convicted by the Chief Presidency Magistrate, for not having registered themselves under the Registration of Foreigners Act, and were sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 25 in default to undergo rigorous imprisonment for four weeks, each.—A. P.

DELHI ARRESTS

NEW DELHI: A Congress worker of Delhi, who has been absconding for several months, was arrested to-day by the police near Connaught Place. The C.I.D. police have arrested two persons under Sec. 129 of D. I. R.

ALL LETTERS WILL BE CENSORED

DIBRUGARH, (By Mail).

The Deputy Commissioner of Lakhimpur has warned the public that all letters are now subject to strict censorship, and any news transmitted by letter that can be construed as information to the enemy, is an offence and the sender of the news is punishable with fine or imprisonment or both.
—A. P.

Huge Jap Armada For New Guinea

Australia Prepared To Meet Enemy Concentration, Says Air Minister

LONDON, March 2.

Tokyo Radio reports that the Japanese Parliament has passed the highest budget in Japanese history totalling 13,275 million yen.

JAP CONVOY SIGHTED

LONDON, March 2.

The 'communique' issued from Allied Headquarters in South-West Pacific reports a Japanese convoy consisting of 14 ships was sighted heading for New Guinea.

Allied heavy unit bombed Japanese shipping in the harbour on Wainpagoe Island off Soemba, west of Dutch Timor.

JAP ARMADA ON WAY

From Reuter's special correspondent in the South-west Pacific:

The Japanese convoy in the Tala Sea referred to in the Allied Headquarters 'communique' includes both merchant vessels and warships. It is possible that the Japanese are engaged in transporting troops and equipment, if it is destined for bases in New Guinea the convoy will have to negotiate "Harikiri Alley" of the Citlaz Straits between New Guinea and New Britain, the scene of many former sinkings by Allied planes. Its course, however, would be well within the reach of a chain of Japanese air bases and already some fighter cover is reported.

CANBERRA: — The Australian Air Minister Mr. Drakeford stated that "all advisable preparations" have been made by the R.A.A.F. to meet the concentration of Japanese forces in the Island-chain north of Australia. He said that he thought that this was "mainly defensive", but the Japanese were close enough for an attack.

JAP DRIVE IN EASTERN SHANS

CHUNGKING, March 2.

Japanese forces near Yishui, southern Shantung, are now driving west after being repulsed in their push eastward.

Japanese forces in Eastern Shan States pushing eastward from Kunlung and occupied Mengting, south-west of Chengkang.—Reuter.

Large Axis Tanks Sunk In Atlantic

LONDON, March 2.

It is announced that a large enemy tanker was sunk last Friday in the Atlantic ocean about 500 miles off Cape Finisterre by H.M.S. "Sussex" after being sighted and shadowed by a "Liberator" aircraft of the United States army air force.

The 'communique' says that the ship was evidently attempting to run the Allied Nations' blockade and was fully laden. Shelling by "Sussex" set the tanker on fire from stem to stern and her crew abandoned the ship in four lifeboats. She continued to blaze for two hours and finally sank. "Owing to the presence of U-boats and a German "Fockewulf" aircraft which witnessed the incident, "Sussex" did not stop to pick up survivors", adds the 'communique.'

"Because Gandhi has believed, he is himself believed and his authority in the world, though unbacked by force, is greater than that of any other man."

—C. E. M. JOAD.

"To some of us the significance of Mahatma Gandhi's career lies essentially in the fact that it represents the deliberate pursuit of an ideal despite the innumerable difficulties which such action inevitable presents in a world refractory to the embodiment of idealism in concrete activities.

—A. BERRIEDALE KEITH.

FLARE UP ON MARETH LINE

MEDENINE (Tunis) March 2.

There has been a recrudescence of activity in the area of the Eighth Army, cables Reuter's special correspondent. It flared up in the air over the Mareth line particularly on the part of the Luftwaffe. Patrols are also more active.

A group of volunteers from the Mediterranean island of Jerba has arrived in Tunisia to join the Fighting French.

HARTLE'S SUCCESSOR

Major General Harry C. Ingles has been appointed Deputy Commander in the United States Army European Theatre succeeding Maj.-Gen. Russell P. Hartle, who will have command of troops in the field.

ALLIES TAKE SBEITLA

Allied Headquarters North Africa: Tuesday's Allied Communique states Sbeitla is in our hands.—Reuter.

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NOTICE.

THE SAHYADRI INSURANCE CO., LTD., NASIK.

THE FOURTH MEETING of the Policy-holders of the Company will be held at its Registered Office on SUNDAY, the 6th June, 1943 at 4 P.M. (S.T.) to transact the following business:

(1) To elect five Directors to represent the Policy-holders on the Board of Directors.
(2) To recommend Auditors for appointment by the Shareholders.

Applications with full name, address and policy particulars from eligible policy-holders (holding otherwise than as assignees policies insuring either a total sum of not less than rupees three thousand or annuities of a total amount of rupees two-fifty, such policies being in force for not less than two years) signifying their assent to accept Office, if elected should, by Registered Post, reach the Head Office of the Company not less than two months before the date of the Meeting.

Only and all persons holding policies issued by the Company, which are in force for not less than six months as at the date of Meeting and holding certificates of admission shall be eligible to attend and vote at the meeting. Applications for certificates should reach the Company not less than two months before the date of meeting.

Votes for the election of Directors may be given at the Meeting either personally or by proxy. The instrument appointing the proxy should be in the prescribed form and must be presented at the Head Office of the Company not less than one month before the date of the meeting.

For item (2) policy-holders whose policies have been in force for at least three months will also be eligible for admission.

G. G. SOUNDANKAR,
Managing Director.
Nasik, 28/2/1943. 3594

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MOHAMED HAJI ISHAQ, of Bombay Mohamedan Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 121, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Government land or ground of the Quit and Ground rent, tenure (since redeemed) together with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being on the West Side of Bapu Khote Street, in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New No. 8216, New Survey No. 734, Cadastral Survey No. 2751 of Bhuleshwar Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under C Ward No. 5965, Street Nos. 136-138, containing by admeasurement 185-3|9 square yards or thereabouts and bounded as follows: i.e. on or towards the NORTH by the property of Abdul Sattar bin, Mawlvi Mahomed, on or towards the SOUTH by the property of Abdul Sattar M. H. Wahedina, on or towards the EAST by Bapu Khote Street and on or towards the WEST by Sweepers passage.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1943.

CAPTAIN & VAIDYA.
Purchaser's Attorneys. (3604)

Public Notices

MAHA MAYA COLLEGE, KANDY, CEYLON.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from University Graduates for the post of Lady Principal. Salary Rs 400 per mensem. Free quarters provided. Apply stating qualifications and experience and with copies of testimonials to Sir D. B Jayatilaka, Swiss Hotel, Delhi. 3619

Legal Notices

HIGH COURT
O. O. C. J.

Suit No. 347 of 1942.

DOSSABHOY PALLONJI PATEL & Others. ..... Plaintiff.
v/s.
HENRY THOMAS GIBBS, ... Defendant.

To,
HENRY THOMAS GIBBS,
The Defendant abovenamed.

TAKE NOTICE that the Taxing Master, High Court, Bombay, has fixed a Meeting at 1-30 P.M. on MONDAY, the 15th inst. to tax the plaintiffs' bill of costs pursuant to the Preliminary Mortgage Decree and the Order appointing Receiver dated 24th June, 1942.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1943.

DADY BURJOR & CO.,
Attorneys for the plaintiffs. (3611)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. HOMEE S. SETHNA in his personal capacity as also as the executor of the last Will and Testament of the late Bai DINBAI C. SETHNA has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client free from encumbrances. All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Yusuf Building, Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of Government leasehold land or ground, containing by admeasurement 6771 square yards or thereabouts situate, lying and being at Mount Road in the Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, being portion of the piece of land registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 97, New No. 16331, Old Survey No. 688, New Survey No. 3657(part) and Cadastral Survey Nos. 543(part), 544, 546, 1/546, 1A/546, 1B/546, 10/546 of Mazagaon Division with the messuage tenements dwelling houses and structures thereon and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the South by the private road or passage leading to Mount Road, on or towards the North partly by the property of Haji Gulam Mahomed Ajam and partly by the property of Dwarkadas Goculdas, on or towards the West by the property of Mulji Ranchhod Ved and another and on or towards the East by the Mount Road, and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Taxes under E Ward Nos. 5045(1a), 5045(1b), 5046, 5047(1), 5048, 5049(2), 5049(3), 5050(1b), 5050(1c), 5050(7), 5050(7a), 5050(7b), 5050(8), 5050(10) and Street Nos. 66-70, 70a 70b, 70d, 70e, 70ee, 70eee, 70f, 70g, 70g, 70gg, 70h, 70(P) and 6K and revised Street Nos. 66/70, 2, 6, 4, 8, 12a 14, 16b, 16, 12, 12b, 10 20, 16a 18.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1943
NAGINDAS HOOSEINALLY & CO
Purchaser's Attorneys. 3599.

Auction Sales

BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF 7 BALES OF EGYPTIAN ZAGORA, GUIZEH 7 AND SAKELS COTTON AND 4 BALES OF EGYPTIAN GUIZEH 12 4 BALES OF EGYPTIAN MAARAD, AND 1 BALE OF EGYPTIAN TAPE 138 COTTON.

On behalf of the concerned, M/s. BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd March 1943, at 2-30 P.M. (New S. T.) the undermentioned Lots at Sewree Cotton Depot.

Lot No. 1 at Jetha No. B. 33.
7 Bales of Egyptian ZAGORA, GUIZEH. 7 and SAKELS, Cotton (damaged by Sea water).
Lot No. 2 at Jetha No. B. 24.
1 Bale Egyptian GUIZEH 12, 4 Bales Egyptian MARRAD cotton (damaged by Sea water).
Lot. No. 3 at Godown No. C41.
1 Bale Egyptian type 138 cotton (damaged by Sea water).
Lot. No. 4 at M/s. Volkart Bros Godown No. J 153.
3 Bales of Egyptian GUIZEH 12 cotton (damaged by Sea water).

Terms:—25% deposit.

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Auction Sales

GANDHI & CO.
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AUCTION SALE OF KHANDESH TEAK, JUNGLE WOOD, CHIR SLEEPERS, ETC.

By Order of the Officer-in-Charge, Military Timber Depot, Sewree, Messrs. GANDHI & CO., Auctioneers, will offer for Sale by Public Auction on Monday the 8-3-43, at 2-30 P. M. (S. T.) at Military Stores Depot, near Liver Brothers Soap Factory, Haji Bunder, Sewree:—

Jungle Wood thin boards, Country Teak, Scantlings, Chir Sleepers, side Sleepers, Khandesh Teak, and Fire Wood, etc.

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ON THE SPORTS FIELDS—AND AROUND

Red Cross Week In Bombay
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Sports fans are in for a fairly hectic week in the matter of sports items from to-day on. There is, of course, the Bombay Provincial Hockey Championship final this evening when the Lusitanians and the "Times of India" will battle for honours—a final that should attract a record crowd this tournament.

And then the Bombay Red Cross Committee step in in what otherwise might have been a vacuum from now on until the commencement of the Aga Khan—a very energetic band of men who are out to provide something great for local sports fans while serving at the same time an even greater cause—that of providing some amenities to a number of our soldiers and relief to such of them as have been wounded or maimed as the result of this war.

The programme starts off with a Red Cross Day Race meeting on Thursday the 4th instant. Friday brings in something that Bombay's boxing enthusiasts have been waiting for for quite a long time—the Gunboat Jack versus Frank Malinao fight which will be staged at the Brabourne Stadium at 9.30 p.m. This fight is being supported by four others which will be almost equally interesting, of which perhaps that between Hanumant and Tiger Joe over six rounds will give spectators a deal to enthuse over.

On Sunday, the American Association of Western India does its bit, and Bombay's Yanks will meet United States Servicemen in a Baseball match at the Brabourne Stadium commencing at 4-30 p.m. and there is the further probability of there being an exhibition Tennis encounter between—well, "world-famous champions".

GIRLS, BEWARE OF BOMBAY

(From A Correspondent.)

A bit of Bombay's underworld was described by the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Mr. Oscar Brown, in the course of a speech at the Annual General Meeting of the Catholic Women's Welfare Society at St. Anne's High School, Girgaum, on Sunday, February 28. His Grace the Archbishop of Bombay presiding. Mr. Brown pointed out all the temptations which beset unwary young women in this beautiful and glamorous city. Harmless looking restaurants which have cropped up like mushrooms during war-time, attractive dance-halls which invite girls for a swing, cinema companies where money can be made, and a host of other sources of amusement and enjoyment may be as many snares for social vice, if girls are not properly guided. Bombay is notorious for social evil and hundreds of innocent and ignorant girls are condemned to a life of shame by the environments of the city. There are few cities in the world, the speaker observed, worse than Bombay from the point of view of environment for young women.

When offering suggestions to stop this evil Mr. Brown criticised those who demanded legislation. Legislation, he said, is at most a palliative and not a cure. What is urgently needed is the education of the public mind and a correct religious and moral guidance in addition to the preventive and punitive measures undertaken by social service institutions and Government authorities against social vice. A correct approach to the problem, the Chief Presidency Magistrate added, is to provide by public support institutions like St. Catharine's Home which receive poor unfortunate girls as inmates with sympathy and care rather than with disgust and an air of condescension. The Bombay public he said, takes great interest in politics, and it aught to be, so, because it makes people politically minded; but why can the public not show the same interest in social matters and offer their co-operation and support to institutions such as the Catholic Women's Welfare society, which help to make the city morally clean?

There was a distinguished audience of priests, professors, lawyers, doctors and social workers at the meeting, prominent among them being Rao Bahadur Athavle, the City Coroner, Mr. J. Cailan, Secretary of the Vigilance Association, Dr. Socrates Noronha, Mgr. B. Pinto, Mr. Frank Oliveira, Mrs. Platts, and the Vice-Consul for Portugal.

"Four Charities Calendar Scheme"

A cheque for Rs. 65,000 has been sent to His Excellency the Viceroy of India through Her Excellency the Marchioness of Linlithgo on Sunday, February the 7th to be distributed as follows:

1. The Indian Red Cross Fund (All kinds of relief for Hospital) Rs. 30,000; 2. Relief for the Dependents of Indian fighting services (Wives and children) Rs. 15,000; 3. Amenities for Indian Troops Fund Rs. 10,000; and 4. Rehabilitation Effort (This last to be used in the Bombay Presidency to be returned to Rusy K Karanjia, esqr "Tonite at Eight" Fund, C/o Blitz News magazine, Apollo St., Bombay 1) Rs. 10,000: Total Rs. 65,000.

The public will remember that the above Rs. 65,000 has been realised from the Four Charities Calendar Scheme.

SLIDING SCALE IN LAND REVENUE

New Legislation In Sind To Apply To Rice And Wheat Crops Also

KARACHI, March 2.

The Sind Government's revised system of land revenue under which assessments on the rice cotton and wheat crops will fluctuate according to the price of the crop is published to-day. A new departure is the extension of the principle of sliding scale to the rice and wheat crops whereas hitherto it applied to cotton only. The rates have been calculated according to the standard of 33-1|3 per cent of the Zamindars net assets.

Under the new system regroupings of the area of each taluka will be carried out. This will be based on the results of the soil-classification undertaken in 1940.

Both barrage and non-barrage lands will be affected and the net gain to the provincial revenues as a result of the revised rates is unofficially estimated at about one crore of rupees.

A special session of the Sind Assembly is to be convened in June to pass the new revision, which in Sind falls due every five years.

A period of two months has been allowed to Zamindars to forward their objections to the new rates.—A. P.

Two Additional Taxes For Sind

KARACHI, March 2.

In order to meet the deficits with which the Province is faced, the Sind Legislative Assembly to-day imposed two additional taxes, both being increases in the existing duties on entertainment and electricity. An additional levy of one pice per unit on the industrial uses of electricity was also imposed. These proposals are expected to yield about Rs. 6 lakhs.

It was made clear by the Government spokesman that members of the Fighting Services would continue to enjoy the present exemptions in respect of the entertainment tax. A concession of 3/4 anna per unit of electricity consumed in the mofussil was also announced.

PAKISTAN IN ASSEMBLY

After the House had adjourned consultations took place, between the Hindu members and the two Hindu Ministers regarding to-morrow's non-official resolutions. One of these recommend the Assembly to commit itself to the principle of Pakistan.

Sugar Mills Should Conserve Sulphur

NEW DELHI, March 2.

Owing to the serious deterioration in the supply position of sulphur, the Government of India, states a press note, have decided to completely suspend all further releases of sulphur.

The question as to what quantities of sulphur, if any, can be made available to the Sugar Industry during the next crushing season is being considered by Government but as far as it can be foreseen there is little likelihood of sulphur being freely available by October next. All sugar factories will therefore be well advised, in their own interest, to conserve their existing stocks of sulphur so that their minimum essential requirements for the next season can at least partially be met out of stocks.—A.P.

Trotman For Bombay

KARACHI, March 2.

Mr. E. W. Trotman, Secretary, Civil Defence Department, Government of Sind, has been transferred to Bombay Presidency where he will, it is understood, be posted as the Commissioner, Northern Division.

Mr. Trotman is expected to leave for Bombay in about a week's time.—A. P.

Surat Order On Agriculturists

SURAT, March 2.

The District Magistrate, Surat, has issued a notification limiting the quantity of foodgrains stored by agriculturists for seed purposes. While the order restricting the quantity of food grains stored by a person does not apply to seedgrains, the agriculturist is prohibited from storing in excess of 12 lbs. bajri, 140 lbs. dry wheat, 240 lbs. irrigated wheat, 190 lbs. transplanted paddy, 200 lbs. paddy broadcasted, 20 lbs. grain juwar, or 120 lbs. fodder juwar (seed quantity in each case per acre), says the notification.—A. P.

Tender These Rupees In Time

NEW DELHI, March 2

The latest date for the receipt of Queen Victoria and King Edward VII standard silver rupees and half-rupees at the offices of the issue department of the Reserve Bank of India is April 30, 1943. After the date such coin will be accepted only in cases where the Reserve Bank authorities are fully satisfied that the tenderer was prevented by causes beyond his control from tendering the coin by the prescribed date, states a communique.—A.P.

Aluminium Production In India

CALCUTTA, Mar. 2.

Aluminium has now been produced for the first time in India at the Reduction Works established by a prominant company in South India, according to information received here. Smelting operations started at the beginning of last month, and the production of aluminium is now in full swing.

It will be remembered that the production of aluminium in India was originally recommended by the Roger Mission, and subsequently endorsed by the American Grady Mission which visited India in May, 1942.

With the completion of these works this recommendation has now been carried into effect, and India rendered self-sufficient in the supply of this important strategic metal.

This development also marks a further stage in the industrialisation of India by establishment of an important large-scale metallurgical industry in this country.—A.P.

DENABANK OPENING TWO BRANCHES AT AHMEDABAD: Devkaran Nanjee Banking Co. Ltd. are opening two branches of their Bank at Ahmedabad on Monday, the 8th instant, one at Maskati Market and the other at Gandhi Road. Seth Haridas Achratlal, Chairman of the Vijay Mills, Ahmedabad, will open both the branches.

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WE REGRET for the inconvenience caused to our BENGALI CINE-PATRONS due to non-arrival of the Picture PRATISODH on 28-2-43. Please note to avoid disappointment we have specially arranged on (Shivaratri) 4-3-43 at 9-30 a.m. at ROXY CINEMA.

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AMUSEMENTS

EXCELSIOR—"Secret Mission" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
EROS—"Springtime in the Rockies" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
STRAND—"Law of the Tropics" 3-30 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CITY LIGHT—"Khilauna" 4-30 7-15 and 10
HINDMATA—"Beti" 4-30 7-15 and 10 p.m.
SUPER—"Gora Kumbhar" 4-15 7 and 9-45
KOHINOOR—"A Day in Soviet Russia" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Musafir" 4-30 7-15 and 10
METRO—"The War Against Mrs. Hadley" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
REGAL—"Wake Island" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
CAPITOL—"Men of Texas" 4 6-30 and 9-30
MINERVA—"Sharda" 6, 7-30 and 10 p.m
PALACE—"Little Foxes" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m
CHITRA—"Khan Daan" 3, 6-15 and 9-30
EDWARD—"Achhoot Kanya" 4, 6-30 and 10
AURORA—"They Died with their Boots on" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Basant" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
ROXY—"Kismet" 3-30 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
NEW WEST END—"Zamindar" 3, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Ten O'Clock" 4, 7 and 10 p.m
SWASTIK—"Lalaji" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m
KRISHNA—"Prarthana" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Surdas" 5, 7-30 and 10
NOVELTY—"Yad" 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Jawab" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
APOLLO—"Station Master" 4-30, 7 and 10

Domestic Occurrence

MARRIAGE.

ULLAL-NADKARNI—Sitaram Ananth Ullal of Burmah Shell, Karachi, with Miss Mukta Mangesh Nadkarni of Poona, on 3-3-43, at Santa Cruz Bombay.

DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

NATIONAL WAR FRONT: Under the auspices of the National War Front, Bombay, a public lecture will be delivered by Major H. N. Newey O.B.E., on "The War In the Pacific" at 6-15 p.m. to-day (Wednesday) at Jivanji Modi Memorial Hall of the K. Cama Oriental Institute, Apollo Street, opposite R.I.N. Dockyard, Bombay. Mr. B. J. Wadia, Bar-at-Law, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bombay, will preside.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Short talk on "Who, Where, What is God?" followed by questions and answers, Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, to-day (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m.

INDIAN MUSIC CIRCLE: In view of the number of holidays during March and April the Indian Music Circle, Bombay North, Matunga, proposes to give three music concerts, one by Master Krishna on the 27th March and the other two by Kesaribai and Mogubai Kurdiker during April. There will not be any change in the usual monthly subscription of Re. 1.

BIJAPUR DISTRICT FAMINE RELIEF COMMITTEE, BOMBAY: The above Committee was appointed with Mr. R. A. Jahagirdar as its Chairman by the Karnatak Sangh, Bombay, in December last for rendering help to the famine-stricken people of the district of Bijapur by collecting funds and clothes in the City of Bombay. Ever since the recognised volunteers of the Committee have been collecting funds and clothes from door to door. The Committee, therefore, requests the members of the public to give liberal contributions to the volunteers of this Committee. This Committee is working through the local Central Famine Relief Committee, Bijapur, which has got the full co-operation of both officials and non-officials.

The Committee has so far received contributions amounting to over Rs. 1,500.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION: Telegrams to Calcutta, Rajkot, Madras, Bangalore, Agra and their adjacent areas are subject to serious delay due to line disturbances.

COMMISSIONER'S BAN: The Commissioner of Bombay, Bombay, has forbidden, for a period of 15 days from March 2, the carrying of knives, sticks or any other similar weapon or the carrying or collecting of stones or missiles in the areas, bounded by:—

On the north by foreshore, as far as Duncan Causeway; On the east by G. I. P. Railway line from Duncan Causeway to the centre of the Arthur Road Bridge; On the South by Arthur Road Overbridge, Arthur Road as far as the northern boundary of the Municipal Dhobikhana Drying Ground to the B. B. and C. I. Railway Line, B. B. and C. I. Railway line, as far as Haines Road, Haines Road to its junction with Fergusson Road and a straight line to the western foreshrore; On the west by the western foreshore.

COTTON CONTROL ORDER COMES INTO FORCE: The Bombay Cotton Control Bill (1942), having received the assent of His Excellency the Governor, is published in the "Bombay Government Gazette".

This Act provides for the regulation and prohibition of the cultivation of any variety of cotton, of the mixing of the prohibited variety of cotton with other cotton, and of the possession or use of, or trade in, the prohibited variety of cotton in any part of Bombay Province.

BASSEIN WELCOMES NEW PRIEST: The Thomas Baptista High School Hall, Papdi, Bassein, was packed with friends and admirers of Rev. Francis Lobo on the occasion of presenting an address of welcome to him on Sunday, under the auspices of B. C. W. League. The Right Rev. M. Balaguer, S.J., Vicar-General, presiding. A donation of Rs. 1,000 by Mr. Basil F. Gomes towards the Bassein Development Fund was also announced with acclamation.

Mahashivaratri Festival

Mr. P. D. Khadilkar, well-known ballad singer in Marathi will perform Harikirtan at Y. M. H. A premises, Vithalbhai Patel Road, to-morrow (Thursday) at 5-30 p.m.

Madame Sophia Wadia will speak on 'Significance of Mahashivaratri' at Laxmi Baug, Bhatwadi, at 5-30 p.m. under auspices of Pathare Prabhu Social Samaj, to-morrow (Thursday). Dr. M. B. Velkar will preside.

Ramkrishna Govind Dhole Booa will perform Kirtan at Madhav Baug, under auspices of Hamath Mission to-morrow (Thursday) between 9-30 and 11-30 a.m.

There will be final rituals of the Holy Sacrifice that has been going on for the last eight days in the Bombay Arya Samaj Mandir, Kakadwadi. After the conclusion of that sacrifice that has been performed with the recitation of 'Atharva' Veda throughout the past week, "Om Flag" will be ceremoniously flown over the Mandir and congregational prayers and songs will be sung. In the end, a meeting will be held wherein learned speakers will speak on "Maha Shivaratri and Swami Dayananda Saraswati."

Shivratri and Rishibodhotsava celebrations will be held at Fort Arya Samaj Mandir and lectures will be delivered by various Pandits, to-morrow (Thursday). Dr. V. M. Kaikini, F.R.C.S., will preside.

Indian Exporters' Association

The first quarterly general meeting of the Indian Exporters' Association was held on Monday, at 6-30 p. m. at Menkwa Building, Outram Road, Fort, Bombay, under the presidentship of Mr. Sankalchand G. Shah for the purpose of adopting a constitution for the Association, etc.

In the course of a general discussion emphasis was laid on the menace to the Indian Business Houses of the activities of the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation. It was stressed that without unity and organisation among Indian Exporters, the Indian Export Trade will be in great jeopardy in the post war years.

BAN ON REMOVAL OF COTTONSEEDS FROM BIJAPUR: The Government of Bombay have prohibited the removal of cottonseeds from the district of Bijapur without permission in writing of the Collector of Bijapur or such other officer as may be authorised by him in this behalf for a period of seven months from January 5, 1943.

FOR FAMINE AND CYCLONE RELIEF

India's Best Cricketers To Play In Charity Match

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Replies to invitations issued by the Cricket Club of India for the Charity Cricket Match in aid of the Bijapur Famine and the Bengal Cyclone relief funds have now been received and with the exception of the Maharaja of Patiala, the Nawab of Pataudi and Dr. Jehangir Khan who cannot come down all the remaining players have accepted the invitations.

Those who have definitely accepted are:—H. R. Adhikari; Mushtaq Ali; L. Amarnath; S. N. Banerjee; J. N. Bhaya; D. B. Deodhar; V. S. Hazare; K. C. Ibrahim; Kishen Chand; M. K. Mantri; Vinoo Mankad; V. M. Merchant; Gulam Mahomed; K. R. Meherhomji; J. Naomal; C. K. Nayudu; C. S. Nayudu; M. Nissar; K. M. Rangnekar; C. T. Sarwate; Amir Elahi; and S. W. Sohoni.

L. P. Jai will accept if he can get the necessary leave. In case he does it is proposed to play a twelve-a-side game.—A.P.

DEMONSTRATION OF PHYSICAL FEATS

The pupils of the Karnatak Veer Vyayam Shala have organised a grand demonstration of the physical feats to be held at the Cowasji Jehangir Hall at 4 p. m. on Sunday March 7.

Mr. T. S. Vyas, third Additional Presidency Magistrate at the Girgaum Police Court, will preside.

ACQUITTED ON APPEAL

No Breach Of Essential Services Law

(Before the Hon. the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Weston)

Shankerbhai Kashibhai Amin .... Applicant.
Versus
Imperator ..... Opponent.

The applicant, an accountant in the Ahmedabad Borough Municipality, had been sentenced by the Sessions Judge of Ahmedabad (on appeal from conviction by the First Class City Magistrate of Ahmedabad) to four months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 250. The applicant had been held guilty of having disobeyed the lawful orders given to him in the course of his employment in violation of Section 5 (a) of the Essential Services (Maintenance) Ordinance 1941.

On 21st August 1942, the Government of Bombay ordered the supersession of the Ahmedabad Borough Municipality for a period of six months from 22nd August 1942, and by a Notification issued on the same day under Rule 38 B of the Defence of India Rules directed that all the powers and duties of that Municipality be exercised and performed until further orders by the Collector of Ahmedabad. On 7th September 1942, under orders of Government, Mr. H. H. A. Whitworth, then Assistant Collector, Kaira, took charge as Administrator of the Ahmedabad Municipality from the Collector of Ahmedabad. On 9th September, a memorial was submitted to Mr. Whitworth by the staff of the Municipality stating that in view of the political situation it was impossible for them to perform their normal duties. On 15th September, Mr. Whitworth passed an order under Section 4 of the Essential Services Ordinance enjoining them to do their normal duties. On 15th September, on being called up and questioned personally the applicant refused to do his normal duties. On 16th September, Mr. Whitworth filed a complaint against the applicant before the District Magistrate under the Essential Services (Maintenance) Ordinance on which the applicant was convicted and sentenced as above. The applicant approached the High Court in Revision contending that Mr. Whitworth's appointment as Administrator as well as his order were illegal.

Their Lordships observed that in this case the ordinary presumption that a person acting in an official capacity should be deemed to have been properly appointed could not be applied. It appeared to their Lordships that there was no valid order of appointment when Mr. Whitworth took charge or even when he filed the complaint. The fact that no such order of appointment had at all been made was borne out by the terms of the Government Order passed on 10th October, stating that Mr. Whitworth's appointment must be deemed to have come into force as from September 7th which could not retrospectively validate the illegality of the complaint. Their Lordships therefore ordered that the conviction and sentence be set aside, the fine refunded and the applicant acquitted.

Their Lordships then disposed of the applications of six other employees of the Ahmedabad Municipality who had also come to the High Court in Revision in conformity with this decision and acquitted them.

Mr. G. N. Thakore with Mr. B. G. Thakore appeared for the applicant.

The Advocate-General Mr. N. P. Engineer with the Government Pleader Mr. B. G. Rao appeared for the Crown.

Indian Commerce Federation Committee

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry met this morning at the office of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, under the presidentship of Mr. Gaganvihari L. Mehta and was attended by Kumararaja Sir Muthiah Chettiar, Vice-President, Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, Seth Kasturbhai Lalbhai, Sir Padampat Singhania, Mr. Debi Prasad Khaitan, Sir Chunilal B. Mehta, Mr. A. D. Shroff, Mr. M. A. Master, Mr. J. C. Setalvad, Mr. S. M. Bashir, Mr. B. D. Amin, Mr. R. L. Nopani and Lala Gurusaran Lal. Mr. Haridas Madhavdas, President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber was also present by invitation.

The report of the proceedings of the Committee of the Federation for the year 1942-43 along with the audited statement of accounts were passed by the Committee and forwarded to the annual session of the Federation for adoption.

The annual session of the Federation will be held in Delhi on March 27 and 28.

The Committee decided that suitable resolutions should be forwarded to the annual session for consideration on the political situation in the country, allocation of Defence expenditure, utilisation of sterling balances, Post-war Reconstruction, Lease-Lend Supplies, Supply of Foodstuffs, United Kingdom Commercial Corporation, Position of Indians in Burma, difficulties of Indian Industries, India's participation in International Conferences and Sales of Indian silver.

The Committee discussed the budget proposals of the Government of India for the year 1943-44 as presented by the Hon. the Finance Member and decided upon the lines on which their views should be formulated and expressed. It is expected that the Committee would be in a position to issue their statement on the Budget proposals, to-morrow.

CHINA SPENT 100 MILLION DOLLARS FOR RELIEF

CHUNGKING, March 2.

The Chinese Government has appropriated 100 million Chinese dollars for relief purposes, the Ministry of Finance announced yesterday.

One million dollars was spent for the relief of overseas Chinese after their return to China.

This included the construction of a special village for them in Yunnan Province.—Reuter.

NEW COMMANDER FOR "NELSON": The battleship "Nelson" has a new Commander—Captain Hon'ble Guy Herbrand Edward Russell who has just reached the ship from Malta where from May to December last, he was Naval Liaison Officer to the Governor.

H. B. Jacomb who has commanded the "Nelson" for nearly a year, wished the ship's company "godspeed" on his departure.—Reuter.

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN)

In observance of the All-India Red Cross Week, Mr. M. M. Gandhy, Honorary Treasurer of the Bombay Suburban Defence Loans Committee, assisted by the Committee members of the Sunday Circle, Bandra, are holding a Red Cross Night at the premises of the above Circle at Hill Road, Bandra, the premises being given free for this occasion.

Elaborate arrangements are being made. Simon and His Hot Shots are to be in attendance. Dancing will commence at 7 p.m. and the function will close down at midnight. There are to be several competitions. The full proceeds of this function will go towards the Indian Red Cross Funds. This function is open to the general public.

Late Amritlal Monji Gandhi

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Under the auspices of Vile Parle Kelavani Mandal, a public meeting of the citizens of Vile Parle was held on Sunday, in the Assembly Hall of the Gokalibai P. P. High School, when Sheth Jagmohandas J. Kapadia presided. The meeting adopted a resolution expressing their profound sorrow at the loss sustained by them in the sad demise of Sheth Amratlal Monji Gandhi who was a prominent and unassuming social worker. The meeting further resolved to raise a suitable memorial to the late Sheth Amratlal Monji Gandhi's memory in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to Vile Parle. There was a good response to the President's appeal and Rs. 1,800 were subscribed on the spot.

The Government of Bombay has declared the existence of a state of scarcity in 55 villages in the Bagewadi taluka of Bijapur District.

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ANOTHER EPIC FAST

The doctors' bulletin on the last day of Gandhiji's fast stating that there is no change in his condition and that he is in good spirits will be received with tremendous relief all over the country. It may now be safely assumed that he will be able to break his fast on Wednesday morning at 8, as already arranged. That was the feeling in the city on Tuesday even before the latest bulletin was published and several institutions have already arranged to celebrate the end of the fast with thanks-giving and other appropriate observances. The Gandhi Seva Sena of Bombay will distribute to all Harijan children attending municipal schools "gul" and cocoanut, donated by a merchant from Mandvi. An appeal for the observance of the day "as a day of self-discipline and national unity" has been issued at Calcutta over the signatures of the Nawab Bahadur of Murshidabad, President of the Hindu-Muslim Unity Association, Bengal, and of several other members of that body. Altogether, it is certain that to-day will be a day for universal rejoicing. And among those who will heave a sigh of relief may be counted Mr Churchill, Mr. Amery and Lord Linlithgow. It would have been a more graceful end to the fast if Gandhiji had been released. But what matters most is his being spared for the country and the world. And now that he has been saved, India will summon all the charity she is capable of and will forgive the Government many things—forgetting nothing—and say they did not know what they did.

Why It Was Undertaken

On the day the fast ends it behoves all concerned to remind themselves why precisely it was undertaken. This is particularly necessary because attempts have been made and will be made to misrepresent its motive. As is clear from the correspondence between Gandhiji and the Viceroy, the former undertook the fast because he was denied every opportunity to give to the world a full reply to the charges urged against him and the Congress, charges of inspiring violent activities in the country, while professing to adhere to the creed of non-violence. He and his colleagues were jailed but were not given a trial or any other opportunity to refute the charges. He was even completely segregated from them, as if he were the evil genius of the Congress, a villain of the piece. Within a few days of his arrest he wrote to the Viceroy suggested various ways in which he could vindicate his position and that of Congress. But the Viceroy route the conciliatory gestures and refused to afford any opportunity for giving any explanation. More correspondence followed in the course of which Gandhiji who was expected to speak for the Congress as its leader, asked that at least he might be put among the members of the Working Committee, so that they might submit to Government themselves their joint considered reply to the charges against them. Even that modest request was refused, nor was Gandhiji allowed to be interviewed even by a relative and leader like Mr. Rajagopalachari. Denied every opportunity to vindicate his position, Gandhiji commenced his fast in the fond hope that it might at least so far touch the conscience of the authorities as to induce them to give him the desired opportunity either as a free man or as a prisoner.

Meet Again

On this day of universal rejoicing we shall charitably assume that the authorities are more afraid than hard-hearted, afraid that Gandhiji's first statement made either as a freeman or in consultation with his colleagues as a prisoner may explode into thin air the whole Government case of a conspiracy of violent activities. The question is asked: What has been the good effect of the fast on Government? If those who ask the question suggest there has been none, we shall not care to discuss their opinion of the Government. But one effect even on the Government has been that they have been compelled to publish the Gandhi-Viceroy correspondence, which, but for the fast, would have been suppressed for the present. That correspondence has convinced many non-Congress leaders like Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru that Gandhiji continues to be as devoted to non-violence as he ever was and that his unconditional release would have helped not only to check violence but also to bring the present deadlock to an end. We have no doubt his release even now will have that effect. But this aspect of the question we shall deal with on another occasion. For the present we trust, after breaking his fast, Gandhiji will soon recoup his strength. Verily, he seems destined to do great things for India and the world. Meanwhile, we agree with Mr. Rajagopalachari, who, we are glad to note, has been gradually recovering hope as a result of his talks with Gandhiji, that those who met at Delhi recently should meet again and think furiously about plans to end the present deadlock.

Economic Democracy In War Time China

So absorbed have we in India become, very naturally, in our own struggle for freedom that we have lost interest in questions relating to the reordering of society after the war. That question appears to us to-day as of academic interest beside the problem of how to win our freedom from foreign domination. A timely reminder of our duty to think of the future and plan for it comes in the shape of a new publication from Kitabistan, Allahabad. ("China Builds For Democracy" By Nyon Wales, Rs. 5/4/-, Kitabstan, Allahabad.) This story of co-operative industry in China originally published abroad has been reprinted in India for Indian readers, with a foreword by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru penned by him in July 1942. Valuable as this study is to all students of social affairs its attractiveness is greatly enhanced by this brief foreword which gives the right background of the story for the Indian readers.

In this foreword Pandit Jawaharlal sets forth in brief his attitude towards the planning of industrial development in India. His objective, he avers, is maximum production, equitable distribution and no unemployment. India, like China, he points out, has enormous man-power, vast unemployment and under-employment. It is no good, he adds, comparing ourselves "with the tight little countries of Europe which gradually became industrialized with small and growing population." From the purely economic point of view, even apart from the human aspect, it may be more profitable, in his opinion, to use more labour power and less specialized machinery. Secondly, in any scheme of planning he would not encourage lighter industries, because the capital at our disposal is limited and would be required for heavy industry and because mechanized light industries are likely to come into conflict with cottage industries and thus add to the volume of unemployment. Lastly, he would decentralize even big industries with the aid of electric power. It is because China has attempted planning on this basis that he has felt attracted to the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives. The vitality of these bodies he considers amazing, as they have an extraordinarily high production ratio with monthly output two times greater than capital investment. Like many others both in India and abroad Pandit Jawaharlal hopes that neither India nor China will in future have a normal capitalist development. But both should develop industrially and on the democratic basis of these industrial co-operatives of China; he sees the vision of a co-operative commonwealth that may be established in both the countries.

Although it is many years since the co-operative movement was introduced in China the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives are essentially a war-time development. This new movement had its origin about four years ago, when China had to reorganize its social and economic life in view of the disruption and dislocation brought about by the Japanese invasion and the capture by the invader of the industrial plants located principally in the coastal region of the country. The first object of the new movement was, therefore, to provide a way for China to mobilize her economic and industrial resources so as to increase the power of resistance. Along with this the movement aimed at providing work for the refugees who had been thrown out of employment in consequence of the industrial plants having fallen into the hands of the enemy and, at the same time, salvaging and rescuing from the threatened areas the machinery and tools and transplanting them to the interior where work could be revived. But in planning for the reorganizing of industrial activities, the promoters kept in mind the ideal of creating a new basis for China's economic structure by the encouragement of domestic industries.

In this work of 300 pages, there is set before us a vivid picture of the background of the movement, its early trials, its handicaps, its relations with the State, its contacts with the world of finance and its achievements, recorded with a wealth of detail and an insight into the life of the people that make the review of absorbing interest not only to the social workers and the economists but also to the administrators and statesmen who wish to plan for the future. Writing some months back Madame Chiank-Kai-Shek asserted that a new kind of socialism was being evolved in China to give the people fuller and better opportunities for a well-rounded and happier life. In "China Builds for Democracy" we get an idea of how this process is at work. With zeal and devotion are combined a scientific spirit and thoroughness that have contributed to the attainment of a degree of efficiency that has earned Pandit Jawaharlal's encomium. Although not very enthusiastically at the outset, subsequently the administration has identified itself wholheartedly with this programme of economic reorganization and has used its good offices in securing the necessary finance from banking institutions. These are all factors that have assisted in imparting strength and vitality to the movement but more than all these is the idealism that inspires it, the desire to ensure that the industrial organization of the future in China is not on the usual capitalist lines but on a basis which will make for a healthy democracy in the economic sphere.

Frankly Speaking

A Thought For The Day

"The generation to which he belongs has produced no more consistent, wholehearted defender of the Right than he has been. May he be spared many more years yet to lead, not only men and women in the East, but the peoples in all parts of the world along the Road that leads to Universal Peace, through Love, Co-operation, and Service!"

LATE GEORGE LANSBURY.

China's Call

The American Congress honoured itself when it invited Madame Chiang Kai-Shek to address it. This brave lady represents the marvellous unparalleled heroism of a people who for five years out with little more than their bare fists have braved alone the mechanical might of a cynical Power. They have, as Madame Chiang said, refused "to accept failure ignominously but to risk it gloriously" in the cause of the noblest of all ideals, freedom. The risk has not overwhelmed them and they still defy Japan gloriously. But what have her Allies done? In the courteous way, characteristic of the Chinese, she drew attention of the people of the United States to the failure of China's allies and to the dangers of the growing strength of Japan.

Altruism or any sense of an exclusively moral obligation is hardly to be expected from China's Allies but surely self-interest itself demands something much more substantial than verbal assurances and promises of, for instance, Casablanca. It is a global war and it may be conceded that its strategy demands that priority should be given to the war against Hitler. But strategy also demands immediate succour to China, if for no other reason because China is to be the base for the decisive bout with Japan. It also demands efforts to deny Japan the opportunity to exploit her conquests and build up her strength. Both objects can be achieved by the only method of opening a "second front" against Japan in Burma.

Musso-Rib Meeting

The Vatican has been the centre of some interesting activities of late. The Catholic Archbishop of New York has been on a visit to His Holiness the Pope and it was during this visit that the German Ambassador unexpectedly hurried to Berlin while Count Ciano, appointed Italian Ambassador to the Holy See over a fortnight ago, presented his credentials to the Pope. It is not yet clear whether these comings and goings signify any thing particular. But it appears rather over-imaginative to couple Herr von Ribbentrop's visit to Signor Mussolini with the Vatican activities. There is more sense in the view that the Mussolini-Ribbentrop meeting was in the nature of an answer to Casablanca. It was also rendered obviously necessary by the situation in Russia and in Tunisia. With the Germans retreating in Russia and Italy proper about to get a full taste of the war, the two Axis representative were bound to meet if only in order to sustain the morals of the Junior partner and assure him of German ability to defend Italy. The meeting clearly shows that Germany and Italy regard the war situation as serious, for them. But it is foolish to attempt to interpret Hitler's absence from the meeting as his eclipse.

Asia And Atlantic Charter

In a speech at Cape Town, Sir Shafaat Ahmad Khan is reported to have said that three great Powers of the world, England, America and Russia, would play a leading part in the new age after war. The omission of China is rather significant on the part of a man who is euphemistically called the Agent General for India. But it is noteworthy that even a trusted nominee of Whitehall and its subordinate branch at New Delhi should recognise the place of Asia in the new age and even demand recognition of it though by way of theoretical eloquence. We are not, we confess, enthused by Sir Shafaat's earnestness because his principals have already directly and indirectly proclaimed the exclusion of a great part of Asia from the benefits of the Atlantic Charter.

This Be Autonomy

Mr. Fazlul Huq's statement on his plight as a Chief Minister with heavy responsibilities but without enough power to discharge them makes pathetic reading and throws much light on the measure of provincial autonomy in the present conditions. "The Governor on one side", he says, "and the departmental officers on the other, who carried out the wishes of His Excellency in respect of the Executive Government, have got the ministers sandwiched between them and the utmost that the ministers could do was only to offer advice." "I am fed up", he adds, "with the position which gives me very little opportunity of conceding to what I know is public opinion". Here is a confession as clear as it can be that in his position he cannot do his duty as minister, yet he clings to his office, probably on the familiar plea that he can do some good to the people even with the little power he possesses and that the alternative will be the return of the bureaucracy or the Governor's autocracy. It does not occur to him that by his own admission there is even now a bureaucracy tempered by the Governor's autocracy, the Minister being used only as a cat's-paw to pull financial chestnuts. Why accept responsibility without power?

—and In Sind

The manner in which Mr. Allahbux was removed from premiership even though he enjoyed the confidence of the legislature showed how farcical was provincial autonomy in Sind. A fresh proof of the scant regard which the Governor pays to the views of his Cabinet and how powerless the latter is is provided by the manner in which the vacancy of Superintending Engineer in that Province was recently reported to have been filled up. The Sind Cabinet, it is understood, decided to appoint the seniormost and capable officer, an Indian, as Superintending Engineer, but its decision was overruled by the Governor who, on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, appointed a European, a junior to the Indian officer, to that post. Yes, Sind has provincial autonomy, but it is the autonomy of the Governor.

Atlantic Charter And India

By K. T. SHAH

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No programme, indeed, for post-war world reconstruction would be worth considering, which doubts or denies in any way the equal right of all countries to seek their own development to the maximum capacity. The only guarantee their neighbours can justly demand of such backward countries with rich promise of development, is that they shall not carry on the process of their own development so as to obstruct the similar right of others to such development; and that, if they have an unwanted abundance of any material or resources, over and above their own needs, they shall agree to supply out of their surplus or speciality what may be needed by another, on reasonable terms.

"Due Respect To Existing Obligations"

The careful insertion moreover, of the saving clause—"with due respect to their existing obligations"—is highly intriguing. The "existing obligations" were incurred in the days when economic nationalism was running riot in response to imperialist exploitation. A most complicated network of tariffs and quotas, preferences and reciprocities had been evolved, which made international commerce a tangled skein.

It is professedly impossible to undo the mischief wrought by that age of unbushing national selfishness and unabashed imperialism, that this war is supposed to have started. Are we going to keep these devices intact? What else is the meaning of "due regard to existing obligations?" If all such —or similar—obligations of Britain or America are to be regarded as sacrosanct,— modifiable, if at all with their consent,—we must bid good-bye to any hope of returning sanity and permanent peace.

Applied To India

India has no lack of raw materials. Thanks to her very large population, there is no need to fear lack of market either. But, compared to her resources and population, she is industrially backward; and the average standard of living for her people is much below normal. Her real needs are in regard to industrial development. To achieve that the raw materials produced within her boundaries may have to be conserved and utilised for the development and expansion of her own local industries. At the same time, to absorb the finished goods produced within the country, she may need to safeguard or protect her own local markets for the benefit of her developing industries, especially if the regime of individualist enterprise and competitive commerce continues after the war in any shape or degree. There is nothing in the Charter to warrant the belief that the regime of competitive commerce would for ever be ended after the war.

For India, therefore, this particular clause in the Atlantic Charter is more alarming than reassuring. For, if, in accordance with it, she is compelled by some international authority or organisation, that may be set up after the war, to export her raw materials without any safeguard for her own industries, and to admit foreign goods to supply her own competing industries,—i.e., on an equal footing,—she can never develop her industries to their maximum or even optimum capacity.

Safeguards For Foreign Vested Interests

This is the more dangerous for such as us, as the Charter makes no reference at all to such problems as the safeguards for the interests of one country having become vested in another. The vested interests of British capitalists in India have already provoked bitter resentment in Indian nationalist circles on account of the so-called anti-discrimination provisions in the latest Government of India Act, 1935. If that position is perpetuated in another shape, India cannot but take it as a death-knell of her industrial ambitions. Explicit declaration must, accordingly, be made regarding the status of the nationals of one country settled in another, until a common world citizenship is evolved.

The Charter spells, in effect, grave peril to such backward communities in the economic field. The right of each community to develop to the maximum capacity its own resources, and to minister to its own needs, must, I think, be postulated as the *sine qua non* of any attempt at acceptable reconstruction, any assurance of permanent, abiding peace in the world. The four freedoms of President Roosevelt would, if this right is not declared, accepted and guaranteed, be empty bombast, at least for such as us in this country. And the Charter will be only a warrant and authority for the powerful exploiter to continue their process, with the full moral (?) backing of their fellows based upon this Charter.

(To Be Continued)

*Previous articles appeared on February 27, March 1 and 2.

SCOPE STILL FOR BR. CAPITAL

"Financial Times" On Raisman's Speech In Assembly

(From Our Own Correspondent)

LONDON, March 2.

In an editorial under the heading "Development in India," "Financial Times" refers to Sir J. Raisman's statement that there will be heavy demands for imported machinery and plant to equip India for a greatly expanded industrial system and says the shape of this may alter in detail but the primary purpose certainly will be to supply the country's most essential wants, which should help to foster new prosperity to India, though without serving necessarily the old trade connections, as country's potential consumption must be vastly in excess of any productive capacity at present within sight.

The paper adds that there should be still opportunity for British capital and capital goods to help in furthering this development although the country is just now steadily strengthening its own financial position, thanks to debt redemption and repatriation, commercial investments and accumulation of sterling balances.

HOW MAHATMA WILL BREAK FAST

POONA, March 2.

At 9 a.m. to-morrow morning, Mahatma Gandhi will break the 21-day fast—with a small glass of orange juice and a teaspoonful of glucose. The juice will not be diluted this time, as now he takes it for nourishment.

Unlike the occasion of breaking his previous fasts, this time there will be no outsiders present when the fast is ended except for his fellow detenus, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi, Dr. M. D. D. Gilder who was specially transferred to the Aga Khan Palace from the Yeravda Central Prison to attend on Mahatma Gandhi, Mr. Pyarelal, Miss Sushila Nayar, Mahatma Gandhi's personal physician, and Miss Miraben.

Besides these, there will be three others who are not detained at the Aga Khan Palace but whom the Government have been kind enough to permit to stay with Mahatma Gandhi for a month—they are Kanu Gandhi, Mrs. Durgaben Desai, wife of the late Mr. Mahadev Desai and her son Narayan Desai.

Mr. Devadas Gandhi and Mr. Ramdas Gandhi, sons of Mahatma Gandhi, will not be present when the fast terminates, but it is gathered they have been allowed by the Government daily to visit their father for four more days.—

This is the seventeenth fast which Mahatma Gandhi has undergone and the fifth major fast. But none of them have caused greater anxiety and alarm to the doctors as well as to the public than the present fast, when, as Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy put it, "he was very near death."

On the eleventh day of the fast, the doctors' bulletin announced "Mr. Gandhi's condition has changed considerably for the worse. His condition is very grave." The next day, the bulletin warned: "If the fast is not ended without delay, it may be too late to save his life." The same day, February 21, saw a crisis when Mahatma Gandhi "was seized with severe nausea and almost fainted and his pulse became nearly imperceptible." From this crisis the Mahatma rallied with amazing rapidity and this evening, after remaining without food for 21 days, he almost tried to sit up by himself but he was helped by Dr. Gilder.

When the grave tone of the medical bulletins was recalled to Dr. B. C. Roy to-day, the doctor exclaimed: "Mahatmaji fooled us all."

This is the third time he has fasted in this city and great relief is expressed in all quarters at his surviving the ordeal. It is believed that it would take at least eight to ten weeks for him to recoup his lost strength. After the last twenty-one day fast in 1932 it is stated, it took Mahatma Gandhi six weeks to regain his normal strength. This time he is naturally expected to take much longer time because with advancing age the power of recuperation declines.—A.P.

Poor-Feeding At Karachi

KARACHI, March 2.

The Karachi Municipal Corporation at its meeting this evening passed a resolution to conduct poor-feeding to-morrow as thanksgiving for the successful termination of the 21-day fast by Mahatma Gandhi. A sum of Rs. 1,000 was sanctioned for the purpose.

A thanksgiving prayer meeting has also been called to-morrow by different mercantile bodies in the city under the presidentship of Mr. Jamshed Mehta, ex-Mayor.
—United Press.

THREAT OF SPLIT IN HINDU SABHA RANKS

LAHORE, March 2.

Rift is imminent in All India Hindu Mahasabha in the near future. It is believed that Bengal will be the first to raise the standard of revolt against the Mahasabha President, Mr. Savarkar and Punjab will follow suit.

It is no more a secret that Bengal Sabhaites differ from Mr. Savarkar's present policy, and a rift between the Mahratta and Bengalis was threatened since long.

Mr. Savarkar's attitude towards Gandhiji's fast has apparently proved to be the last straw on the camel's back.

The Bengal Hindu Sabha's resolution congratulating Messrs. Aney and Sarkar on their resignations from the Executive Council, is a clear indicat of threatened developments.

The Punjab Hindu Sabha does not agree with Mr. Savarkar on the question of Azad Punjab scheme of the Akali party. Mr. Savarkar has recently blessed this scheme while Punjab Hindu Sabha leaders including the Provincial President Raja Narendranath have been denouncing this scheme as anti-Hindu and anti-national since its inception—Orient Press.

RETURN OF JANMA-BHOOMI PRESS

Mr. Amritlal Sheth's Explanation

Mr. Amritlal D. Sheth, Editor, "Janmabhoomi" and "Nootan Gujarat has addressed the following letter to the Secretary, Home Department, Government of Bombay, regarding the press note about the withdrawal of the order forfeiting the Janmabhoomi Mudranalaya.

"The Press Note issued by the Government last night about the withdrawal of the order forfeiting the "Janmabhoomi Mudranalaya" was a surprise to me. If you will remember aright when you mentioned about the assurances I said: "What I say is this that I protest against your order. But as I do not want to defy the order I will abide by it under protest". After this, from the note that you were taking you read out a portion and that portion mentioned my protest. This you will agree is not made clear in the Press Note.

The whole question was about the interpretation of the Government orders. In view of the expressed intentions of the Government that no alarming reports should be published, I interpreted the orders to mean that publicity which was not alarming in its nature or substance or likely to create resentment against the Government on account of fast will be allowed. By the action taken against the "Janmabhoomi Mudranalaya," Government have made it clear that they want to stick to the letter of law as they interpret it, to which I have submitted under protest.

As the Press Note has already appeared in the papers I am sending this also to the press."

Welles And Halifax Discuss Finnish Situation

WASHINGTON: The assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles conferred with the British Ambassador, Lord Halifax, on Monday and it is understood the Finnish situation was discussed.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

CALCUTTA, Mar. 1.

A resolution congratulating the three members of the Viceroy's Executive Council who have resigned and expressing disappointment that this example was not followed by other Indian members of the Council has been adopted by the Council of the Bengal Provincial Hindu Mahasabha.—A.P.

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Giving his opinion on Mahatma Gandhi and his fast, Sir William Roberts, President of the Punjab Europeans, says: "We can ill-afford to dispose of anyone willing to sacrifice himself for an ideal."

We are shocked that Sir William Roberts should so completely forget a fact which doesn't even need proof for its truth, we mean the sordid fact that the fast was undertaken. (a) as a political blackmail and (b) as an easy way out.

Sir William Roberts should think again and to assist thought he should also visit New Delhi at once.

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Equally shocking is Sir William's statement that "the country has been agitated over Mr. Gandhi's fast."

But then what else can one expect from a man who, even though a European, entertains the egregious belief that Gandhiji was "willing to sacrifice himself for an ideal."

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A London despatch to an Anglo-Indian contemporary reports Mr. Spens—India's Chief Justice designate—as confessing that "he was first taken aback when invited to go to India."

So was India. But then India doesn't count.

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A Chungking communique announces that the Japs on the Burma Road are advancing northwards along the west bank of the Salween heading for Lushui.

But no one need worry. The situation is well in hand. Field Marshal Wavell is powerfully assisting the Chinese defenders with air raids from Assam.

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According to a New York report Madame Chiang Kai-Shek fainted in the middle of an official reception in Mayor La Guardia's office.

Which is by no means surprising. Chinese leaders of much harder physical fibre would have been overwhelmed by the Niagara of verbal sympathy, tributes and assurances to which this gallant leader of Ching has been subjected in the States.

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By the way, Madame Chiang had better prepare against similar experiences in the immediate future.

For, if, as we fear, she must visit Britain, too, a repetition of the ordeal is inevitable.

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WHERE IS HITLER?

—Headline.

Not yet where he ought to be.

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"Do you give your wife a personal allowance?" asked Brown.

"We tried it, but it didn't work", answered Smith.

"How was that?"

"She always spent it before I could borrow it back."

RING THE TEMPLE BELLS

There's jubilation o'er the Country-wide
Because her patriot saint, her greatest son,
Hath through a fiery ordeal, sorely tried,
By force of soul alone a victory won.
When he proclaimed his fast, a death-like gloom
Spread like a deepening shadow through the land;
And many thought it was the crack of doom,
For dread disasters seemed to be at hand!
And prayers went forth to God from hearth and home
All o'er the world in near and distant parts:
The spreading sky became a temple dome
Beneath which millions knelt with throbbing hearts.
Rejoice and ring the temple bells aloud;
Mahatma smiles and waves Truth's banner proud.

S. R. D

Thanksgiving Prayers In The City

Thanksgiving prayers will be held to-day at the hall of the Indian Women's Unity Club, Chowpatty Seaface; in the Bal Mandir Hall (Mathew Rd.) under the auspices of the Bhagini Samaj, Bombay and at the office of the Africa Shippers Association, Bombay for the rapid recovery of Mahatma Gandhi.

In observance of the last day of the fast of Gandhiji throughout the Suburban area, several shops and stores remained closed on Tuesday.

Members of the Cinegoers' Association of India, will hold a thanksgiving mass with a view to offering prayers in the interval of 7 p.m. show of "Ten O'Clock" at the Central.

Five Acquitted Persons Re-arrested In City

Convictions In Congress Bulletins Raid Case

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A sentence of 9 months' R.I. was imposed on Shantilal C. Kadakia and Babubhai O. Modi who were arrested by the city police along with six others at Manu Villa, Matunga, on September 19 last on the charge of possessing Congress bulletins by Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Police Court, to-day. Kartarsingh Sohansingh, another accused, was awarded 5 months' R.I.

According to the prosecution when the place was raided nearly 17,000 Congress bulletins in different languages were found there and it was supposed to be the centre for distributing Congress bulletins in the City.

The remaining 5 persons, including a woman, were given benefit of doubt and discharged by the Magistrate but no sooner did they come out of the Court room than the were re-arrested by the police under D.I.R.

ARRESTS AT CHOWPATTY

Barrister And Advocate Among Detained

About 50 persons were taken into custody this evening by the Gamdevi Police when they dispersed a crowd which had gathered at Chawpatty to offer prayers for the safety of Mahatma Gandhi. Forty of the arrested persons, mostly women and children were taken to the Gamdevi police station and released.

Among the ten persons who are detained are Mr. Vasudeo Upadhyaya, Bar-at-Law, and Mr. Madhusudan Vyas, Advocate. The first two were arrested for holding the prayer meeting and the others for shouting Congress slogans.

The police cleared Chowpatty sands after the arrests.

2 MONTHS FOR LEADING PROCESSION

Jaganath Jiyalal who was arrested by the police for leading a procession at Flora Fountain on Jan. 15 was today found guilty and sentenced to 2 months R I. by Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate of the Mazagaon Police Court.

The same Magistrate imposed a sentence of 1 month R I. on Deoshankar Manishankar, a student for possessing Congress bulletins. He was arrested by the Maharpouri Police at C. P. Tank on March 1.

Krishnayya Narsingh who was arrested on December 24, for leading a procession was sentenced to 6 weeks' R. I. by the Magistrate.

SABOTAGE CONVICTIONS

POONA:—Three persons were awarded 12 months' R.I. each for an act of sabotage. Two others who were acquitted were re-arrested under the D.I.R. and taken into custody.

A sentence of three months' R.I. was awarded to another person for being in possession of prejudicial literature

RELEASED AFTER A WEEK'S DETENTION

NASIK:—B. K. Khopkar, who was arrested following the recovery of an unauthorised bulletin and a note book during a search at his residence, was released unconditionally after a week's detention in the Nasik Sub-Jail.

SIXTY-FIVE PERSONS ARRESTED

SATARA:—About 65 people of Shirala Peta were taken into custody on suspicion of being involved in various prejudicial activities.

The sentence of one year's R.I. passed on Mr. Madhaorao Sathe of Wai for taking part in an unauthorised meeting was reduced to six months' R.I. on appeal to the Sessions Court.

KOLHAPUR CONVICTIONS

KOLHAPUR:—Mr. S. Havire was sentenced to seven months' R.I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 50, in default to undergo two months' R.I. for taking out an unauthorised procession.

Mrs. Lila Malavade was sentenced to five months' S.I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 35, in default to undergo one and a half months' S.I. for the same offence.

BELGAUM:—Mr. Sadashiv Paranjpye and a few others were arrested following the arrest of Mr. Shirang Kamat. A few places were also searched and some prejudicial papers are stated to have been seized by police.

A number of boys and girls were arrested for making demonstrations and raising slogans demanding Gandhiji's release. Two boys and two girls who were prosecuted for alleged illegal demonstrations on Gandhi Jayanti day were acquitted by the Juvenile Court.

The police searched the residence of a college student in Thalakwadi and arrested him under the D.I.R. Mr. P. R. Kulkarni of village Satti was arrested under the D.I.R. The police have arrested one person in connection with setting fire to the car belonging to a police officer. A few rifles are stated to have been stolen from Rudrapur and Holi-Hosur. The standing crop from the fields of the Kulkarni of Hosur is reported to have been looted.

Seven girls and two boys were fined Rs. 20 or in default to one months' imprisonment for prejudicial demonstrations.

EX-MAYOR CONVICTED

SHOLAPUR:—Mr. M. R. Pulli, ex-President of the City Municipality, has been awarded 12 months' R.I. and fined Rs. 500 or in default to undergo 6 months further imprisonment.

The police patel of Karkambe has been sentenced to pay a fine of Rs 300 or two months R.I. in the alternative for being in possession of unlicensed arms.

Mr. T. M. Madgundi has been fined Rs. 60 or in default to two months' R.I. on a charge of prejudicial activities. The police have arrested one boy in connection with the fire in the Sulakhe High School at Barsi. Another boy who is a suspect is stated to be absconding. Six persons have been taken into custody on suspicion in connection with setting fire to the Old Katcheri at Karamala on 'Independence Day'.

'CHAVADIS' BURNT

MIRAJ:—"Chavadis" at Putibhal, Kadikatti, Sangreskop, Patyal, Neginhal, Mandanbhavi, Torangatti, Mondage, Gurlahosur and Hukkeri have been burnt, according to reports received here. A postal runner was waylaid between Nyamatti and Belgatti and robbed of his mail bag. Four women have been sentenced to 3 months' R.I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 50 each at Haveri.

STUDENTS CLASH OVER 'VANDE MATARAM'

MADRAS:—Report is to hand that a clash occurred between the Hindu and Muslim students of the Government High School at Shimoga when the "Vande Mataram" song was sung during prayer hours on Saturday, as a result of which about 27 students sustained injuries.

For the last two or three months the Muslim students of the school were objecting to the singing of "Vande Mataram" by the Hindu students, and it appears on Saturday last the song was sung when the two sections of students came to a clash with the above result.

On receipt of information, a posse of reserve police rushed to the spot and the situation was brought under control. The police seized missiles from students. Investigation is proceeding.

Sec. 144 Cr. P.C. has been promulgated as a result of stray assaults in parts of the Shimoga town, where the order will be in force for one month, preventing the assembly of more than five persons.

The school is closed for five days. The police are patrolling the town and the school is being guarded.

POLICE DISPERSE PROCESSION

SURAT: An attempt to take out a procession was made near Kalapith, but the police intervened and dispersed the procession. They also arrested Shrimati Hansaben, daughter of Mr. Kantilal Thakore under D.I.R. The City Magistrate sentenced Mr. Chhaganlal Dhulabhai of village Hajira to one year's R. I. under D. I. R.

According to a report from Broach, Sindhi Musa of Dhamlad in Jambusar taluka and Jeshingbhai Nathabhai, member of the District Local Board, have been arrested under D. I. R. Mr Ahmed Isa of village Keshvan who was arrested under D. I. R. has been released.

PEN: Messrs. Khanderao M. Hajare, Shanker G. Hajare, Ganesh R. Limaye, Mohiniraj R. Kanetkar Sheikh Fatto Chand Tamboli and Tulsidas H. Gajjar have been arrested under D. I. R.

Messrs. N. K. Bhagat and Raja Kelkar, organiser of the Congress Seva Dal have been arrested under D. I. R. Mr. Raja Kelkar being ill was detained in his house as a security prisoner till his recovery.

NASIK CONVICTIONS

NASIK: Ramchandra Pawar a student, who was wanted by the Nasik Police following the seizure by them of some prejudicial literature, was arrested at Bombay and brought here for trial by the City Magistrate. He has been remanded to custody Two servants of a local shop who were also arrested in that connection will stand their trial along with the student. It may be remembered that some weeks back the city police searched a tailor's shop on the Chandawadkar Road and seized copies of unauthorised bulletins, some posters and copies of the book "Quit India". Ramchandra Pawar who is stated to be the nephew of the tailor had been absconding since then.

A sentence of three months' R. I. was awarded by the city magistrate to Mr. Rambhau Ganpat Ingle for having participated in a procession which was taken out on February 9 last. Two other persons were sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 75 each or in default to undergo six weeks' rigorous imprisonment for the same offence. Mr. S. T. Garge, another offender was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 40, or in default to **undergo three months' R. I.**

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6 Months For Distributing "Mahatmajir Bani"

BOGRA, (By Mail).

Mr. F. Rahaman S. D. O. acting as Special Magistrate, has sentenced one Kamaruddin Sarkar to undergo R. I. for 6 months under the D. I. Rules.

It was alleged that the accused was distributing some prejudicial leaflets entitled "Mahatmajir Bani" in the heart of the town when he was arrested by one I. B. man. The accused pleaded not guilty but declined to cross-examine the witnesses.

Five Convicted For Four Years

CUTTACK:—Five out of eighteen accused in the Talcher Line Tampering Case have been sentenced to four years' R.I. each by Rai Saheb M. N. Guha, Special Magistrate. The accused persons belong to Talcher State and its adjoining area, Angul, in British Orissa.

The eighteen accused in the case were sent for trial in British court by the Talcher State on the District Magistrate of Cuttack's requisition through the Political Agent, Orissa States.

Three persons wanted in connection with the case are absconding.

DETENUS' APPEAL TURNED DOWN

LAHORE, March 2.

A full bench of the Lahore High Court consisting of the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Munroe and Mr. Justice Abdul Rashid dismissed to-day the petition of Sardar Atma Singh and three other Congress workers of Sheikhupura against their detention under Rule 26 of D.I.R.—A.P.

REWARD FOR PEON'S COURAGE

A testimonial on parchment has been awarded by the Royal Humane Society to Abdul Jabbar, a peon of the Jute Regulation Department in recognition of the courage displayed by him in saving the life of a man from drowning in the river Tetulia near Char Veduria island in police station Bhola, District Bakarganj.

KISAN SABHA PRESIDENT

PATNA:—Mr. Bankim Mukerji, M.L.A. (Bengal) has been unanimously elected President of the seventh annual session of the All-India Kisan Sabha to be held at Bakanasklan (Punjab) during the first week of April.—A.P.

BOMBAY MAN ARRESTED AT BANGALORE

BANGALORE March 2.

Mr. M. H. Shah of Bombay and Mr. Prabhu Dev were arrested by the city police last evening near Lalbagh. The latter had escaped from the Bangalore Central Jail two months back and a reward for his arrest was announced by the Mysore Government.—United Press.

Bengal Convictions

CALCUTTA, March 2.

Sixhundred and thirtynine persons have been convicted in the province up to January 28 of offences connected with the movement that had started following the arrest of the members of the Congress Working Committee, according to a statement made by the Chief Minister, Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq in reply to a question in the Bengal Legislative Assembly.

The number of prisoners detained up to that period without trial is as follows: security prisoners for political reasons—1,643; prisoners not yet confirmed as security prisoners—142; and other detenus—2,,355. The number of persons of whose movements have been restricted for political reasons up to January 28 is 3,052.—A. P.

BIG BLITZ ON BERLIN

Nazi Capital Gets It Heavier Than Ever Before, Says Balfour

LONDON, March 2.

Last night R. A. F. bombers attacked targets at Berlin it is stated in London.

Last night's raid on Berlin lasted half an hour. Eight-thousand pounders and four thousand pounders were dropped. Fires could be seen from Bremen and Hanover.

HALIFAXES, LANCASTERS and STIRLINGS of Bomber Command made a heavy and concentrated attack on Berlin last night. Objectives in western Germany were also bombed. Nineteen bombers are missing.

HEAVIER THAN EVER BEFORE

Capt. Balfour, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Air, said in London to-day "Berlin got it heavier last night than ever before."

Crews, who were due to arrive towards the end of the attack said that they could see Berlin burning twenty minutes before they got to the target. On the way back they could see fires from Bremen and Hanover and by the end of the attack clouds of smoke covered large areas of the town Crews saw very plainly all the landmarks of Berlin—River Spree Lakes and many buildings. A pilot who spent fifteen minutes inside the ring of defences round Berlin said that though there were great numbers of searchlights, flak was not up to Berlin's usual standard. Once through the outer ring of the defences flak was by no means intense."

ENEMY ATTACKS NORTH OF SBEITLA REPULSED

Recrudescence Of Air Activity On Both Sides Over Mareth Line

LONDON, March 2.

The Morocco radio broadcast of the French headquarters communique on Monday stated:—"Enemy attacks have been carried out but on a reduced scale. North of Sbeitla enemy attacks against our positions were renewed yesterday, tanks and infantry being used in an effort to pierce our lines."

Reuter's special correspondent writes:

There has been recrudescence of activity in the air over the Mareth Line, particularly on the part of the Luftwaffe, and patrols are more active. Both sides are feeling out the ground in all directions while men and material are being brought up.

AMERICAN FIGHTERS APPEAR

Soldiers of the desert army have been tremendously cheered by the appearance of fighters with American markings.

Forward aerodromes have now been established close to advanced positions. Messerchmitts are endeavouring to raid them. Stiffening artillery exchanges have coincided with increased air activity

In the central sector there was usual artillery and parol activity. There is nothing to report from the southern sector During the night of Sunday our airforce effectively bombed the settlement of Mefta. All our planes returned safely."

JERBA VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE

The first group of volunteers from the classical Mediterranean island of Jerba has arrived in Tunisia to join the Fighting French forces. The news of the liberation of North Africa was brought to the island yesterday by a Fighting French officer and within a few hours the first volunteers—fishermen and peasants—were climbing into an old motor bus, which took them through carefully tilled plantations of date palms to the port of Ajim, where they embarked.—Reuter.

'Workers' Sent To Germany Trained As Soldiers

STOCKHOLM: Many Dutchmen sent to Germany as "workers" are being regimented into military organisations and forced to train as soldiers for front line service says 'Vrij Nederland,' the secret paper printed in Holland.

Giraud On Fight For Redemption Of France

LONDON, March 2.

The Algiers radio on Monday quoted a speech by General Giraud at the inaugural session of the High Economic Council in Algiers to-day.

General Giraud said:— "Weapons are coming in; America has not gone back on her word. America trusts France just as France trusts America.

Our reunion here in the capital of Free France symbolises the resolution of all those who want to work so that our motherland may rise again.

At present there is only one aim—victory, only one means—war. Those at war must work hard for those at the front."

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Grand total: Rs. 8,71,728-6-0.

Delhi's Response To Red Cross Appeal

NEW DELHI, Mar. 1.

Delhi has responded to the All-India Red Cross Week appeal with donations amounting to Rs. 88,201 on the week's opening day. The list of donors who had contributed this sum was read at the inaugural meeting held in the Delhi Town Hall this evening.—A. P.

Why Deprive Third Class Passengers Of Their Amenities?

M.L.A.s Criticise Allocations To Depreciation Fund: Railway V. General Finance: Assembly Agrees To Benthal's Proposals

NEW DELHI, March 2.

In the Central Assembly this morning, the Law Member, Sir Sultan Ahmed introduced two bills to codify the Hindu Law relating to marriage and to amend and codify the Hindu Law relating to Intestate succession.

The statement of objects and reasons attached to the bill to codify the Hindu Law relating to marriage said: "In consequences of certain difficulties of interpretation arising out of the Hindu Women's right to property act 1937 and the act of 1938 amending that act, the Central Government appointed in January 1941 a committee to examine these acts and certain bills introduced or proposed for introduction in the Indian Legislature to amend them.

The committee made a detailed examiniation of the subject after eliciting public opinion by issuing a questionnaire. In June 1941 they submitted a report unanimously recommending that the Hindu Law should be codified in successive stages, beginning with the law of succession to be followed by the law of marriage."

The two bills introduced today contain the proposals of the Committee.

RAILWAY FINANCE V. GENERAL FINANCE

The Assembly to-day agreed to Sir Edward Benthall's resolution recommending certain changes as an interim, wartime arrangement in the convention of 1924 separating Railway Finance from General Finance.

The changes proposed are (1) for the year 1942-43 a sum of Rs. 2,35 lakhs shall be paid to general revenues over and above the current and arrear contribution due under the Convention; (2) from April 1, 1943, so much of the Convention as provides for the contribution and allocation of surpluses to General Revenues shall cease to be in force; (3) for the year 1943-44 the surplus on commercial lines shall be utilised to repay any outstanding loan from the Depreciation Fund and thereafter be divided 25 per cent to the Railway Reserve and 75 per cent to General Revenues, the loss, if any, on strategic lines being recovered from General Revenues, and (4) for subsequent years and until a new convention is adopted by the Assembly, the allocation of the surplus on commercial lines between the Railway Reserve and General Revenues shall be decided each year on consideration of the needs of the Railways and General Revenues, the loss, if any, on strategic lines being recovered from General Revenues.

PLEA FOR COMMITTEE

Sir Ziauddin Ahmed and Mr. Govind Deshmukh moved amendments urging the appointment of a committee of the House to examine the whole question, Mr. Deshmukh suggesting that the Committee should be directed to report on or before August 31, 1943.

The amendments were supported by Mr. Nauman, Mr Navalrai, Mr. T. Krishnamachari, Pandit Maitra, Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, Mr. Kazmi, Mr. Azar Ali and Mr. A. N. Chattopadhyaya. They commented on the unfairness of asking the House to agree, without a previous expert examination of the matter, to the changes proposed in the Convention.

Sir Ziauddin by a third amendment asked that the amount exceeding Rs. 75 crores in the Reserve and Depreciation funds shall be transferred to general revenues.

ALLOCATIONS ON "LAVISH SCALE"

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta and other supporters of the amendments criticised the "lavish scale" on which allocations had been made during the last 20 years to the Depreciation Fund. Mr. Jamnadas estimated the total amount as about Rs. 250 crores, while in fact little more than ten crores had actually been found necessary. He declared that the effect of such allocations had been to deprive the third class passenger of improved amenities promised him and reduction in rates and fares which could have been given if these large sums now wrongly transferred to the Depreciation Fund had been used to give legitimate relief to the railway's customers.

Sir Edward Benthall, War Transport Member, declared that after a careful technical examination of the subject by technical experts, it was the conclusion arrived at by the Department that neither the rates of contribution to the Depreciation Fund nor the balance in it were excessive He said he proposed to circulate to members a paper dealing in detail with the subject.

Sir Edward suggested that the resolution should be passed in order to enable the Railway and the General Budget to be got through.

In reply to Sir Ziauddin's and Sir Cowasji Jehangir's questions, Sir Edward indicated it was the intention that this Committee should be in a position to make recommendations before October this year, that is, before the preparation of Budget for 1944-45 began.

The amendments were withdrawn, and the original resolution was adopted.

AMENDMENT TO CURRENCY ORDINANCE

The House passed Sir Jeremy Raisman's Bill to amend the Indian Penal Code and the Currency Ordinance, so as to prohibit photoprints or other reproductions of currency notes and bank notes, even though these be done for innocent purposes by advertisers and the like.

Mr. T. S. Pillai's Bill to amend the Coffee Market Expansion Act so as to give effect to certain recommendations of the Third Coffee Control Conference was passed.

The War Secretary, Mr. C. M. Trivedi moved a bill to amend the Indian Army Act to provide for the establishment of military prisons

Discussion had not concluded, when the House rose till to-morrow.—A.P.

ECHO OF 'SOLDIERS' DEAL TO ANEY

Adjournment Withdrawn On Benthall's Explanation

NEW DELHI, March 2.

In the Central Legislative Assembly, Mr. Govind Deshmukh withdrew his motion of adjournment relating to discourtesy shown to Mr. M. S. Aney by soldiers at Nagpur station, after Sir Edward Benthall, Railway Member had explained the facts of the case. Sir Edward said that Mr. Aney had asked for a second class berth from Nagpur station. No accommodation, however could be guaranteed from Nagpur, it being an intermediate station. An empty lower second class berth found unoccupied in a compartment was given to Mr. Aney.

Shortly afterwards a non-Commissioned officer arrived from the restaurant and claimed the seat, which he said he had been occupying from Howrah onwards. Mr. Aney was provided with a lower berth in another compartment, which a gentleman offered him by changing over to the upper berth.

Mr Aney, according to his reports thanked the Railway Staff for the assistance they had rendered him. He added that Government were taking action against the person responsible for spreading the "false report."—A. P.

ADJOURNMENT RULED OUT

NEW DELHI, March 2.

The Chair ruled out of order an adjournment motion in the Assembly today by Maulana Zafar Ali relating to the latest order of the Government, curtailing the newsprint quotas

The President held that the matter was not of "urgent public importance."—A. P.

RED CROSS DAY
Special Meeting
in aid of
RED CROSS
INDIAN RED CROSS CUP.
4th MARCH, 1943
ADMISSION:
1st Enclosure: (Gentlemen) ... ... Rs. 3-0
(Ladies) ... ... Rs. 2-0
2nd Enclosure: ... ... Re. 1-4
(All N.C.O.'s and men of H.M.'s and Allied Forces in uniform will be admitted to the 1st and 2nd enclosures at half price).
BOMBAY RACES

Our Readers' Views

Cloth Scarcity And Charka

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—An acute scarcity of cloth is reported and the Mills are made to concentrate on war production. There is a whisper of manufacturing standard cloth, but nothing seems to take shape beyond plans and discussions. The Khadi Bhandars announce that Khadi is available only in exchange for yarn. There will be many who would like to spin, but then "charkas" are difficult to be had. It would, therefore, be a great service if some rich people take up this cause and distribute "charkas" to those who desire to spin. Especially for women, it will be very easy to devote some time to spinning daily. It is also very much desirable that volunteers should go out to every house and teach how to spin wherever necessary. There are many organisations of youths in Bombay who can do this task very effectively by sending out their trained members. It will be a very noble service, selfless and purely humanitarian. I hope that the generous people of Bombay will come forward and by supporting this cause help themselves as well as others.—Yours, etc.,

N. S. RAMAN.

Bombay, Feb. 25.

Maharashtra University

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—As a witness who has given evidence before the Maharashtra University Committee, I offer a few remarks on the proposal to establish a regional university on a linguistic basis which will involve Government in a very heavy initial and recurring expenditure.

The population of Maharashtra is racially, culturally, and linguistically heterogeneous and consists of a crore and 11 lacs of souls. Of these the Non-Brahmins are 86 lakhs, the scheduled classes 11 lacs, the Muslims 7 lacs, the Brahmins 4 lacs, and the Parsis, Goans, Anglo-Indians, Indian Christians, Jews etc.—2 lacs. It is thus clear that the non-Brahmin and Scheduled classes are about 90 per cent of the population, while the Brahmins are barely 4 per cent.

The opinion of some of the advanced Hindus seems to be in favour of making Marathi the medium of instruction in the Maharashtra University. But some distinguished Hindu educationists as well as Muslim educationists of high eminence and practical experience are opposed to the use of Marathi as the medium of instruction in colleges. The substitution of Marathi for English for purposes of instruction must strike at the root of the higher education of the Muslims and others whose mother tongue is not Marathi.

Nor will the non-Brahmins and scheduled classes, though they speak Marathi be any better for this innovation. Their knowledge of Marathi being not upto the standard of Marathi of the Brahmins, the students of these classes will be hard put to it to understand the college lectures that will be delivered in that language. The coast befits thus clear of the major communities, the Maharashtra Brahmins will swamp the university. They will be all in all everywhere—in class rooms, in the teaching staff and in the management. The university will thus degenerate into a communal preserve.

The advocates of the Maharashtra University try to make capital out of the fact that the Bombay University has not done much to develop the Marathi language and literature and to encourage research in Maratha history. But surely we need not, to gain this end establish a regional university at such a tremendous cost. The creation of a chair in one of the Poona colleges and another at Kolhapur and the institution of a few scholarships will serve the purpose equally well. No sane man will use a sledge hammer to kill a fly.

In England primary education was made compulsory in 1880. In 1923 we passed the Bombay Primary Education Act with the object of reducing the appalling illiteracy that prevailed among the masses. But we are all still very far from the goal. This want of progress is put down to lack of funds. It is, therefore, the primary obligation of Government to make these dumb millions literate. The demand for higher education of the Brahmins and other advanced communities is being adequately met by the Bombay University.

Besides, a university founded on linguistic basis will have a narrow outlook and a fatal isolation which will not make for national unity. Modern universities founded in England since 1900 are all unitary. The experience of England, the United Provinces and the Andhra University is an argument against regional universities.

In view of these difficulties pointed out above, it is for consideration whether Government will be justified in embarking upon a prohibitively costly scheme of not only doubtful utility but distinctly harmful to the educational interests of the Muslims, and other non-Marathi speaking people and also of those who speak Marathi but possess a scanty literary knowledge of it. It is a novel experiment that we are asked to make. If it succeeds it will benefit a microscopic minority. If it fails it will fail disastrously.—Yours, etc.,

M. R. DABEER.

Poona, Feb. 25.

Priority Goods Traffic

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—In the issue of your paper dated the 30th January, 1943, there appeared an advertisement on behalf of the B. B & C. I. and the G. I. P. Railways as regards "Priority Goods Traffic". In the said Advertisement under clause 3 (a) captioned as "Essential Foodstuffs" several items have been mentioned including wheat, rice and tea. On enquiry by various merchants in these commodities the booking offices intimated that they had so far received no intimation from higher quarters though they have knowledge of that notice. It is now nearly a fortnight since the Press notice was published and it is highly regrettable that the authorities have not still seen their way to give effect to it. The mofussil public for want of supplies is suffering privations and stocks of storeable goods ultimately get collected at various centres like Bombay awaiting transport facility. It is now a recognised fact that the present shortage in foodstuffs if felt more acutely for want of proper distribution—which is dependent on transport facilities. The public in general was gratified to read the Press notice mentioned above as they appreciated it to be a step in the right direction, and it is to be hoped that without any further delay it may prove to be really so.—Yours, etc.,

R. K. MEHTA.

Hindu Mahasabha And Turkish Delegation

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—The resolution passed by the Hindu Mahasabha members of the Bombay Corporation to abstain from participating in the presentation of the civic-address to the Turkish Press Delegation is unwise. Turkey is nearer to India's heart like China and Russia. Indian Press is inspired in many ways by the great example of the Great Turkish nation. Now-a-days Mahasabha activities are centred in such resolutions only. One is not wrong, if one sees a mean communal feeling in this resolution passed by the Mahasabhaites of the Bombay Corporation. Will the High Command of the Hindu Mahasabha advise its members to broaden their outlook, and try to do something noble by which the real Hindu spirit will be known by the world?—Yours, etc.

BHALCHANDRA NAIK.

Latur, Feb. 16.

Cotton Textile Directorate

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—There are more than 50,000 handlooms round about Madhabdi Hat in the district of Dacca, Bengal, which is a very big centre of hand-loom products and those hand-looms are of improved type as introduced by the Director of Industries, Government of Bengal. The subsistance of the people of that area mainly depends upon the weaving. Owing to the scarcity of accessories for running these looms the weavers are getting idle day by day. Moreover, owing to some items being controlled by the Government, they cannot have their requirements from the genuine dealers, for those dealers are not getting licences as per their requirements. Shuttles and wire-heralds are the two items cheaply being used in those looms in a fair quantity. About 25,000 pieces of shuttles are required by those weavers. We are the only importers of hand-loom shuttles in Calcutta and their usual supplier and also when we get short stock, we get from Bombay. So 20/30 gross shuttles is only two months' consumption for them, but even then that quantity is not being sanctioned by the authority. Moreover, the weavers use mostly wire-heralds and if we do not get licence to acquire wire-heralds, these weavers would suffer. It cannot be a policy of the Government that weavers should suffer in this respect. A large number of weavers have already sent a representation to the Directorate of Supply to consider their case urgently, as otherwise they will have to starve.

I, therefore, bring the matter to the kind attention of the Cotton Textile Directorate, Bombay, through your esteemed paper for their kind consideration in the matter.—Yours, etc.,

BIRENDRA CHANDRA DEY.

84-A, Clive St., Calcutta.

Cruelty To Horses

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—I am a resident of the Colaba area and every night am kept awake in horror at the cruelties being inflicted on poor, tired and half starved gharry horses.

Every night one hears these poor unfortunate animals stumbling and faltering and being driven to the limits of their endurance by the cruel whips of the gharry-walas". Even in hours of daylight one sees gharries carrying far more than their permitted loads and the poor unfortunate animals, half starved and exhausted, being cruelly beaten. If this happens in broad daylight one can imagine what happens at night.

Surely it is the duty of the Police or the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to do something to mitigate the lot of man's dumb friends, unless these custodians of the public conscience are parties to these cruelties. In the name of suffering animals I appeal to you to use your pen to awake the public conscience in this urgent matter.—Yours, etc.,

(Mrs.) D. WALLACE.

4C, Peermohamed Manzil
2nd Floor,
Colaba Road,
Bombay, Feb. 16.

Uncrossed Order Cheques

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—It is the usual practice with all the banks to ask for identification of the person who presents an uncrossed order cheque for encashment. I cannot find any justification for it in the Negotiable Instruments Act although we find somehow the practice has come into vogue.

Section 85(1) of the Negotiable Instruments Act XXVI of 1881 states that "where a cheque payable to order purports to be endorsed by or on behalf of the payee, the drawee is discharged by payment in due course." Similarly section 85 (a) covers the payment of drafts drawn by one bank on another. In the case of Government drafts one of the stipulations for payment is that (although it is similar to other bank drafts) 'if is payable to payee only on identification'. If the question of identification of the payee was inherent in order drafts there would have been no necessity for this stipulation in the Civil Account Code.

It will not be out of place if I reproduce one of the questions dealt with by the Council of the Institute of Bankers, London, wherein esteemed authorities on Banking like Sir John Paget were members. Questions Nos. 472-477 in the Publication "Questions on Banking Practice" published by the Institute of Bankers, London, deal on cases of similar nature.

Question No. 474:

A demand draft, drawn abroad on London and uncrossed, is presented for payment. Can the drawees, before paying, compel the person presenting it to identify himself? Would it make any difference if the drawees were or were not bankers?

Answer:

Assuming the demand draft to be in effect a cheque to order, the drawees before paying, cannot, in the absence of suspicious circumstances, compel the person presenting the draft to identify himself. They are already sufficiently protected by Bills of Exchange Act, sec. 60.

If the draft is drawn by a bank's branch or head office on themselves they are probably protected by the Stamp Act, 1853, sec. 19, which is the only section of that Act which has not been repealed. If the drawees are not bankers they are not protected by statute, and might require identification.

Will some one make out a test case and find out the legal position in the matter?

I am informed that the Council of the Indian Institute of Bankers, Bombay is of the same opinion but they are powerless to enforce their decision without having it set right by a Court of Law.—Yours, etc.,

"CANDIDUS".

Another Expert?

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—Food shortage throughout India has been the crying need of the day since the present War started and no Government worth its name will ignore the situation created in consequence and not put its best efforts to tackle the problem with vigour, first and foremost. It was therefore in the fitness of things that the Government of India should requisition the services of an expert to study the situation and advise on what lines action may be taken to remove the existing difficulties. The choice has fallen upon Mr. H. D. Vigor, O.B.E., who has held various high appointments in the Ministry of Agriculture for over 25 years in England.

While appreciating the action of the Government may we be pardoned to enquire if it was necessary to secure the temporary loan of the services of an expert from overseas, 6,000 miles away from the affected area? Could not such an expert be found nearer home in this vast sub-continent where there has been no dearth of intelligence, technique and competence in all walks of life?

A little bird whispers in my ear that if the Provincial Governments were more alert and price control was relaxed there are sufficient stocks in the country to meet the immediate needs of the civil and military population. Merchants will then release their hoardings and though prices may rise for a time competition will bring them to normality in due course, as in the Punjab.—Yours, etc.,

LALCHAND FATTEHCHAND.

Karachi, Feb. 19.

Bombay Students' Union

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—The statement published in your issue of the 17th, under the name of Messrs. Arvind Mehta and K Paleja as Secretaries to the Bombay Students' Union, contains a very interesting confession.

They write: "They belong to the group which has been demanding a general meeting which has been refused by the Executive on the strength of an appeal from 900 students." To those who are not conversant with the bungles carried on by the present Executive, I may point out that this has reference to the requisition sent by more than 270 members of the Union to call a special meeting of the general body, in accordance with the constitution of the Union. The secretaries mention in their statement that this requisition has been negatived by the Executive Committee on the strength of a counter-requisition.

This is a very strange procedure and has no parallel in any constitution or convention. How can a requisition be nullified by a counter-requisition? A requisition is the sovereign weapon of the general body of members to call to order and stop the mis chief of an unpopular executive. If the executive feels that the demand voiced in the requisition has not the general support of the members, then the only honest and sensible course is to call the meeting as required by the requisition and in that meeting secure a vote of confidence for itself. To nullify the requisition by a counter-requisition is an extremely arbitrary and dictatorial step taken by the Union Executive and must be condemned by those who believe in democracy and in honest and clean methods in public affairs.

In the present instance, the Secretaries had made no mention of this counter requisition at any previous juncture—not even at the time they refused to call the general body meeting as constitutionally required by the requisition. In the circumstances, the members of the Union are entitled to suspect the 'bona fides' of the signatures on the counter-requisition.

In any case, the unpopularity of the present Executive was eloquently demonstrated by the presence of large numbers who came to attend the meeting called by the requisitionists themselves over the head of and against the express refusal of the present Executive. If the Executive has any sense of decency, then the right course for them is either to quit the office of the Union or to call the special meeting demanded by such a large number of the members of the Union. The methods which the Executive have followed have spread only risgust and consternation in the student-world and must be condemned by everyone.—Yours, etc.,

SUSHIL DARU.

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS

Tenders for Rs Eight Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday the 2nd March 1943. Total amount offered was Rs. 12,15,50,000. Tenders at Rs. 99-11-9 and above were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-11-6 allotted approximately 64 per cent. Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. 8,00,00,000, the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 1-1-11 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. Eight Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday the 9th March 1943, in Bombay up to 11 a.m. (S.T.) and up to the close of business on Monday the 8th March 1943 at other centres. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday, the 12th March, 1943. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 26th February 1943, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 7,95-00,000 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

Three months' Intermediates will be sold from 3rd March 1943 to 8th March 1943 at Rs. 99-12-0 subject to the conditions previously announced (viz. sales can be stopped at any time without previous notice if Government think it necessary).

Three months' Intermediates sold from 24th February 1943 to 1st March 1943 amounted to Rs. 3,69,25,000.

Good Demand For Jute

There was a good demand for jute in January last but sellers were reserved and the prices rose to a high level which are comparable to those in the early stages of the war, states the February issue of the Indian Central Jute Committee Bulletin. Rumours regarding the intention of the Bengal Government to reduce the jute acreage and other factors encouraged the sellers to adopt a waiting policy.

Shortage of packing materials has made many of the jute consuming countries abroad to adopt new means to meet the problem. Experiments are being conducted in the U.S.A. to see whether wool can be made into bales by means of presses instead of packing it in jute sacks. It is claimed that the object of baling wool in this way is not only to save "valuable burlap for war needs" but also to conserve shipping and storage space. The Government is also trying to use cotton covers for the entire U.S.A. cotton crop of this season. The manufacturers of cotton covers will get raw cotton at fixed rates for manufacturing them and an indemnity of 35 cents per pattern to enable them to sell these patterns at prices comparative to jute covers which were mainly used during previous years.

In Brazil the percentage of compulsory use of local fibres in mixture with jute and other imported materials has been increased from 10 to 25.

Acceptances For Red Cross Day

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

THE V. A. D. PLATE—Distance 1 mile, 1 furlong.

Winner, Rs. 1,500; Second Rs. 500; Third Rs. 250. For Arabs in Class III. W. A. reduced 5 lbs.

Penalties.—Winners in India after 29th July, 1942, once 4 lbs; twice 7 lbs; oftener 12 lbs.

Allowance.—Ponies 14 hands and under, 4 lbs.

Sikandar 9-4; Guiding Star 8-9; Maher 9-0; Rin-Tin-Tin 9-0; Two-Two-Tye 8-9; Johnnie Walker 7-10; Iraq Marshal 9-0; Braganza 9-0; Manaubk 9-0; Gold Boy 9-0; Tharar 8-9; Hindustan 8-9; Mansur Hamid 8-6; Karam Al Rahim 8-3; Hubb Al Watan 8-2; Macdonald 7-10.

THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE PLATE Division III—Distance 7 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 2,000; Second Rs. 700; Third Rs. 300. A Handicap for Arabs in Class II.

Hind Kesari 9-0; Nalini II 8-13; Vanmala 8-7; Mikhlif Jabir 8-12; Blenheim 8-7; Barq Al Ilah 8-11; Kaid Saoud 8-11; Egypt 8-11; Arab Shah 8-10; Kabadon Jamil 8-10; Lala 8-7; Walk Over 8-2; Mahoot 8-2.

THE NURSE CAVELL PLATE Division II—Distance 5 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 3,000; Second Rs. 1,000; Third Rs. 500. For Indian Horses, 4 years old only in Class "A" maidens at the time of starting. Colts and Geldings 8 st 7 lbs. Fillies 8 st. 4 lbs.

Staraya-Russa 8-7; Boswell 8-7; Manak 8-7; Dawn Patrol 8-7; Prince Hamid 8-7; Royal Princess 8-4; Bambina 8-4; Tiara 8-4; Little Lady 8-4; Sweet Thought 8-4; Tit For Tat 8-4; High Finances 8-4.

THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE PLATE Division II—Distance 7 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 2,000; Second Rs. 700; Third Rs. 300. A Handicap for Arabs in Class II.

Vasant Kumari 9-2; Lilla 8-0; Reformer 9-0; Mandub A Gharb 8-9; Lu'Ayb 8-7; Nibras 8-7; Thameen 8-7; King Hilal 8-5; Metro 8-4; Black Hussar 8-4; Zahir 8-3; Yisir Al Arab 8-3; Wasf Al Muluk 8-0.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLATE Division II—Distance 1 mile.

Winner Rs. 2,000; Second Rs. 700; Third Rs. 300. A Handicap for Horses in Class IV.

Ministrone 9-0; Plain George 9-0; Enjeu 9-0; Alan-A-Dale 8-13; Highland Lad 8-8; Capron 8-4; Alijah 8-4; Aftalon 8-4; Bastion 8-2; American Beauty 8-2; Gold Gainer 8-0; Moose 8-0; Bradeager 7-11; Panna Prince 7-11; Sir Francis II 7-11; Kakariki 7-11.

THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE PLATE Division I—Distance 7 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 2,000; Second Rs. 700; Third Rs. 300. A Handicap for Arabs in Class II.

Pukar 9-4; Royal Rival 9-1; Amal Al Shabab 8-11; Maharani's Choice 8-11; Prince Suri 8-11; Wellington 8-3; Bariz 7-12; Kolhapur 8-6; Firpo 8-3; Great Star 7-12; Sahrau 7-12; Armour 7-9.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLATE Division I—Distance 1 mile.

Winner Rs. 2,000; Second Rs. 700; Third Rs. 300. A Handicap for Horses in Class IV.

Lidsdown 9-2; High Lights 9-2; Royal Page 9-2; Terrace 8-10; Faiz 8-0; Talk 8-10; Dynamo 8-9; Menu Suffrage 8-9; Fairpath 8-7; Kirit 8-6; Indication 8-6; Telegraph 8-6; Churchill 8-2; Meadow 8-2; Gay Songster 8-0; Tregenna 7-12; Lord Byron 7-9; Atherton 7-9.

THE INDIAN RED CROSS CUP—Distance 1 1/4 miles.

Winner, a Cup value Rs. 700 and Rs. 3,500; Second Rs. 1,000; Third Rs. 500. A Handicap for Horses in Class III.

Tatter-Sol 9-7; Omar-Khayyam 9-0; Sunny Dan 8-13; Rare Gem 8-12; Draycott 8-8; Cobalt 8-8; Petee 8-8; Nimrod 8-8; Rath 8-7; Vandyke 8-6; King of Sports 8-2; Winged Tiger 8-2; Misty Island 8-2; Emily Salmon 8-0; Without Regrets 7-11; Time Flies 7-11 Carnival 7-7; Fortune Hunter 7-7.

THE NURSE CAVELL PLATE Division I—Distance 5 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 3,000; Second Rs. 1,000; Third Rs. 500. For Indian Horses, 4 years old only in Class "A", maidens at the time of starting. Colts and Geldings 8 st. 7 lbs. Fillies 8 st. 4 lbs.

Hardwar 8-7; Musketeer 8-7; Finn McCoil 8-7; Broadcast 8-7; Chow-Chow 8-7; Silver Memory 8-7; Willow Herb 8-7; Royal Blood 8-7; Dollar Princess 8-4; Passing Bell 8-4; Chandrika 8-4; Solace 8-4; Magic Maid 8-4; Pure Emerald 8-4; Greta Garbo 8-4.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON

JULY

	New York, March 2.
Previous closing	19.86
To-day's opening	19.81
Difference	—05
To-day's closing	19.94
Difference	+08

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

	New York, March 2
Previous closing	4.03

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, March 2.

To-day's opening and closing 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON MARKETS

GOLD

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

SILVER

Spot and Forward 23 1/2d.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay 1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers.

New York on Bombay (30.37) 30.37

DISCOUNTS

3 months 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent.
6 months 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

SEEDS

Castorseeds Bombay March/April £34 3/4
Linseed Calcutta March/April £24 1/2
Groundnut Coromandal March/April East Coast Indian shipment £33 1/2. West Coast Indian shipment £34 1/2

METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

BOMBAY MARKETS

Bombay, Mar. 2.

COTTON:—There was no business and March was nominally quoted at Rs. 522.

BULLION:—The silver market opened at Rs. 106/12 for Fagan delivery and after advancing to Rs. 107/13 reacted to Rs. 107/9. Gold was firm at Rs. 68/7.

SEEDS:—There was heavy realising and groundnuts May declined to Rs. 102/4. Castorseeds May were quoted at Rs. 95 and Linseed was done at Rs. 11/5.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Bombay, Mar. 2.

The New York cotton market was quiet on Monday. Prices declined on nervous Commission House liquidation and New Orleans and Southern selling influenced by rising agitation for abandonment of crop control. This disclosed less persistent trade demand. Near months were comparatively steady and the market closed at a net decline of 10 to 17 points. Spot cotton prices lost 16 points at 21.89c. per lb.

PRIVATE CABLES.

N. Y. July highest (10-3 a.m.)	19.08—05
N. Y. July lowest (10-10 a.m.)	19.86—17

NEW YORK COTTON.

	New York, Mar. 1.
March	20.29—10
May	20.07—16
July	19.86—17
October	19.69—12
December	19.65—14
January	19.62—12
Middling spot	21.89—16

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

	New York, Mar. 1.
March	20.51—17
May	20.34—15
July	20.15—13
Middling spot	20.94—17

NOON CALL.

	New York, Mar. 1.
March	20.30
May	20.09
July	19.87

LONDON SILVER.

	London, Mar. 1.
Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD.

	London, Mar. 1.
London gold fine per oz	£8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Mar. 1.

T. T. London on—
New York sellers 4.02 1/2; buyers 4.03 1/2
Madrid official 40.5
Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47
Zurich sellers 17.5 buyers 17.4
Stockholm sellers 15.85 buyers 15.95

LONDON WHEAT.

	London, Mar. 1.
Wheat Rozario Santa Fe March/April quoted	26/1 1/2
Wheat Australian March/April quoted	28

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Mar. 1.

Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent £68 3/8
Consols 2 1/2 per cent £32 1/16
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961 £105 5/8
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent £105 5/16
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90 £115 1/2
Victory Bonds 4 per cent £113 11/16
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China £8 11/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg.) £68 1/2
National Bank of India £33 1/2

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, March 2.

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 9/32 Two Months.
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Three Months.
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/5 5/16 Four Months.
B. C. Rates T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 5/32

LONDON/NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 333 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 326 1/2

LONDON/MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 294 3/4

LONDON/BERNE:—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2

LONDON/STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T K 123 D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128 D D K 128

MEXICO/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27 D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04 D D Rs. 62.04

LISBON/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom D D Esc 7.35 nom.
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55 nom D D Esc 7.55

AUSTRALIA/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8 D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T —— D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady. Dull.
Gold £8-8-0 Ready.
New York Silver 44 3/4.

London Silver 23 1/2 Ready. 23 1/2 Forward.

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London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
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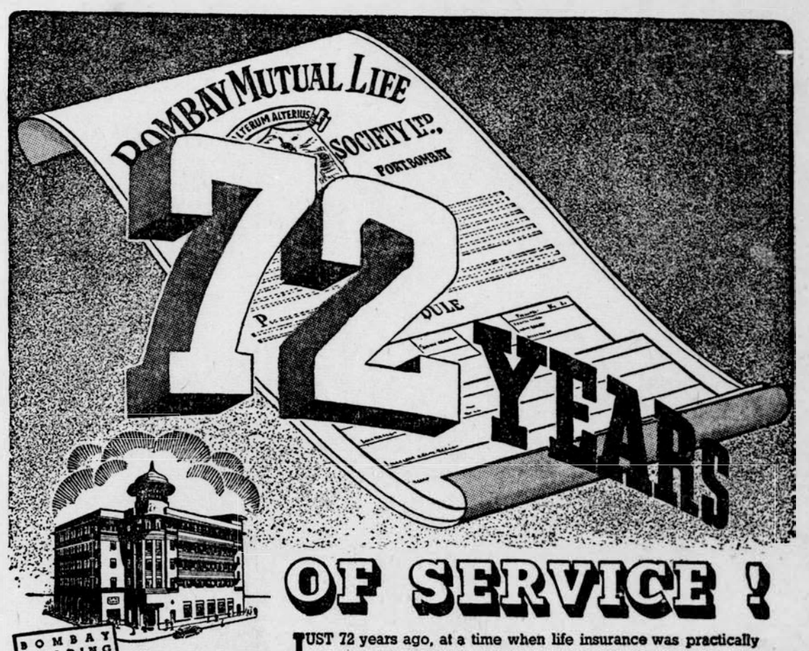
3 to 9 months 1/2 per cent
10 to 12 months 3/4 per cent
Tone:—Better enquiry.



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POPE MAY BAN SOME FORMS OF WARFARE?

BERNE, March 2.

The Swiss Telegraphic Agency reports from Rome that Vatican circles are speculating on the subjects of the conferences between the Pope and the Archbishop of New York Mr. Spellman and suggest one of the aims might be a proposal by the Pope banning some forms of the warfare.

The despatch added that Mgr. Spellman will probably leave Rome this week and is visiting London before returning to the United States.—Reuter

NEW DELHI: Rules for the assessment and collection of the Tobacco Excise Duty are published on Monday in a "Gazette of India" Extraordinary.—A. P.

EVIDENCE OF LABOUR CO-OPERATION IN WAR EFFORT

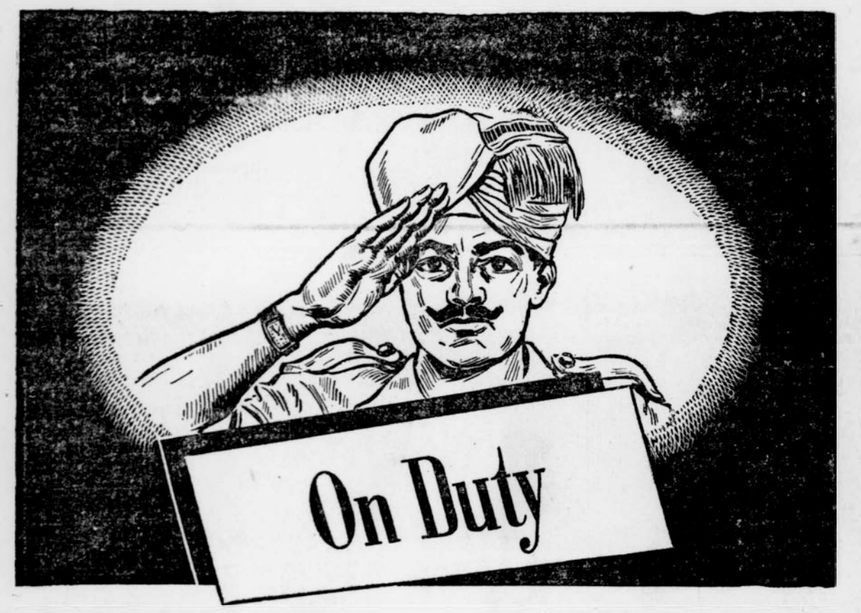
PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 2.

The Vice-Chairman of the United States National War Labour Board, Mr. George W. Taylor, said to-day:

"During 1942 man-days lost to war production in America amounted to only .06 of one per cent of man-days worked."

Mr. Taylor praised this record but added: "I think that as a nation fighting a war for our existence with older men dying out there, we cannot afford to be complacent about a single strike. —Reuter.

NEW DELHI: The body of the late Mr. F. X. D'Souza, was taken to Mangalore in the Grand Trunk Express on Monday. Mr Francis D'Souza, son of the deceased accompanied the body.



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ALLIES MAY INVADE NORWAY, FEARS GERMANY

Fortifications Being Built Along Coastline

LONDON, March 2.

Anti-invasion measures are being pushed ahead throughout the coastal towns of Norway according to reports reaching the Norwegian Telegraph Agency today.

Fortifications are being built and tank obstacles, pillboxes, trenches and barriers of barbed wire are being laid.

In the market place at Stavaner on the south-east coast thenches have been constructed facing sea.

In a small town on the west coast pillboxes have been camouflaged as newspaper kiosks.

In Trondheim cables are being laid between the German military headquarters and all local bridges which will facilitate their being blown up in case of invasion.—Reuter

REFUSED TO TAKE SUPPLIES TO MARTINIQUE

New Orleans Ship Crew's Protest Against "Pro-Vichy Attitude"

WASHINGTON, March 2.

Congressman Morrison stated in the House of Representatives on Monday that seamen on board a ship at New Orleans had gone on strike against taking any more food or supplies to Martinique as long as the French High Commissioner, Admiral Robert maintained his "pro-Vichy attitude"

"Besides the warships at Martinique which we desperately need", Mr. Morrison added, "There are 200 million gold francs and many have a suspicion that part of that gold is being sent to Vichy direct to Laval".

Turkish Military Mission To Visit Africa

LONDON, March 2.

A Turkish Military Mission headed by General Salth will leave shortly on a visit to French North Africa, states the Ankara correspondent of the Independent French Agency.

Two other Generals will be included in the Mission which has been invited by the Allies to visit French North Africa.—Reuter

KARACHI, March 1.

A meeting of the mercantile community of Karachi will be held in the hall of Karachi Indian Merchants' Association on March 3 at 7 p.m. to "offer thanksgiving prayers to the Almighty for enabling Mahatmaji to successfully pass through the ordeal of his 21 days epic fast."

Mr Jamshed Nusserwanji, Chairman of the Buyers and Shippers Chamber, will preside.—A. P.

WHERE IS HITLER?

Ribbentrop's Visit To Rome Deepens Mystery

LONDON, March 1.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent cables:—

There was great secrecy about the visit of Ribbentrop to Rome until he had safely returned to Germany.

His four day visit to the Italian capital is bound to give rise to wild speculations and no doubt in some quarters it will be linked up with the presence in Rome of the Archbishop of New York Monsignor Spellman.

Indeed an unconfirmed report from the United States says Ribbentrop saw Monsignor Spellman while in Rome. There is no reason why this meeting should not have taken place.

It would, however, be extremely unwise to interpret Ribbentrop's visit to Rome as a confirmation of the rumours of peace feelers.

This meeting is much more likely to be a reply to the Casablanca conference but neither Mussolini nor Hitler feels like facing one another across a council table.

Besides, where is the Fuehrer? His absence from these talks strengthens the mystery of his complete eclipse from public view since December.

There have been important changes in the Italian Cabinet in the last few weeks which also would account for Hitler's emissary coming to Rome.—Reuter.

New Karachi Water-Works' Progress

KARACHI, March 1.

The progress being made with Karachi's one and a half crore rupee water supply scheme was inspected to-day by the City Fathers led by the Mayor Mr. Sohrab K. H. Katrak. The gigantic undertaking appeared to be well under way and the first delivery of water into the Metropolis is expected to take place in September.

The Haleji Lake is some 60 miles from Karachi. With an area of six and a half square miles and a storage capacity of 13,000 million gallons. The depression which constitutes the lake is bounded by earthwork of a total length of 10 miles. As soon as these bunds are ready, water will start pouring into the lake from a feeder from the Indus which is being constructed simultaneously.

The whole scheme, when fully developed will have a maximum capacity of bringing 20 million gallons of water a day into Karachi.—A.P.

PRESIDENT RYTI RE-ELECTED

LONDON: The German radio on Monday broadcast an announcement that President Ryti was re-elected President of the Finnish Republic, a few days ago.—Reuter.

ACQUITTALS AND RE-ARREST

(From Our Correspondent)

GODHRA. (By Mail)

Mr. Hariprasad Shukle and Narvirsinh, two student workers of Kaloi have been acquitted by the Resident Magistrate, Godhra. They were being tried for cutting the telegraphic wires.

Mr. Hariprasad Shukle who after acquittal came out of the Court room, was re-arrested by the Kaloi Police under Section 129 of the D.I.R. and sent again to jail.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

WEDNESDAY, March 3.

Delhi—I Programme

5 p.m. Zinda Hasan. 5-10 Zohra Jan. 5-20 For women. 6-45 Recitation. 6-50 Aparna Roy. 7 Manke Ek Column-Navis. 7-15 Lakshmi Bai: 7-35 Vilayat Husain: 7-45 For villagers only. 8-30 The voice of America. 8-45 Zohra Jan. 8-55 Vilayat Husain: 9-30 B B C news. 9-45 Lakshmi Bai: 10 Rain Jharoka.

Bombay I—Programme

8 a.m. Vilyat Khan. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-30 Chhota Gandharv. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 S. V. Deshpande. 9-20 A. R. Oza. 9-30 Three Ghazals. 9-40 Shrimatibai Narvekar. 12-30 p.m. Marathi Bhavgeets. 1 Classical hits. 1-30 News in English. 1-40 Lunch-hour music. 4-20 School broadcasts. 5-0 To-morrow. 5-5 Shrimatibai Narvekar. 5-35 A. R. Oza. 5-45 S. V. Deshpande. 6-45 Jang ka rang. 6-50 A. R. Oza. 7 Nae Nae film. 7-15 Mixed melodies. 7-30 S. V. Deshpande 7-45 News in Marathi. 7-55 News in Gujarati. 8-5 Ghazal and geet: 8-20 In the news. 8-25 Music. 8-30 The Voice of America. 9-45 Air orchestra. 10 "Lady Doctor". 10-30 Chhota Gandharv.

Bombay II—Programme

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay I. 8-5 Instrumental music. 8-15 to 8-50 As in Bombay I. 8-50 M. V. Saraf: 8-55 Madhusudan G. Acharya. 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay I. 12-30 to 2-30 p.m. As in Bombay I. 4-20 to 7-15 As in Bombay I. 7-15 Interval 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Chhota Gandharv. 8-5 to 9 As in Bombay I. 9 Madhusudan G. Acharya. 9-15 Shrimatibai Narvekar. 9-30 Renara: 9-45 Musical Interlude. 10 Band concert.

St. Nazaire Turned Into Burning Torch

Pall Of Smoke Rolls Up To Height Of 16000 Feet

LONDON, March 1.

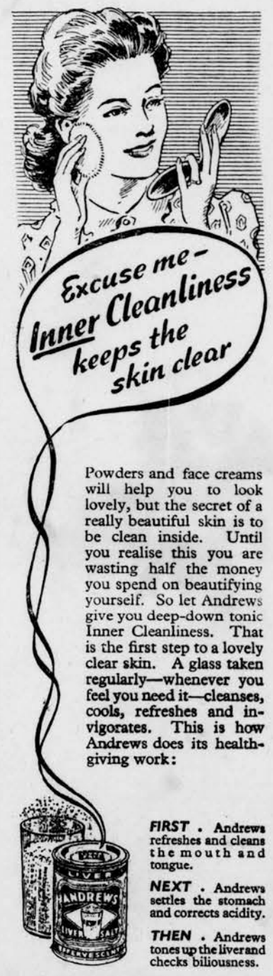
The port of Saint Nazaire resembled a burning torch which turned night into day over an area of 30 miles shortly after the first flares were dropped in last night's thousand ton raid by British bombers. This was the description given by one pilot who participated in the raid.

During the 45 minute attack fires spread rapidly.

One in the dock area appeared to be an oil depot and a gigantic pall of smoke rolled up to a height of 16,000 feet.

The second appeared to be burning fiercely in marshalling yards.

Near the end of the raid a huge explosion occurred and the pilot who just dropped his bombs said that although he was flying at 15,000 feet he felt the force of the explosion even at that height. A smaller explosion followed. By this time black smoke, under which a bubbling mass of red flame was beating furiously had almost covered the port.—Reuter.



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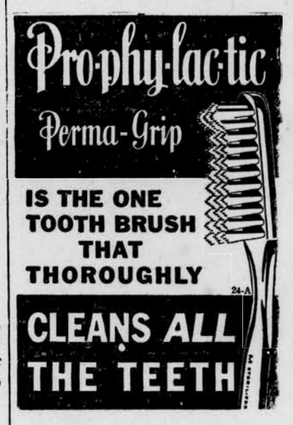

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UPPER HOUSE REJECTS MOVE TO SET UP COMMITTEE REGARDING CONTROL AND DISTRIBUTION OF NECESSARIES

NEW DELHI, March 2.

In the Council of State to-day, an adjournment motion by Mr. H. Imam seeking to discuss "the unsatisfactory arrangement between His Majesty's Government and the Government of India regarding defence expenditure' was disallowed by the Chairman, Sir David Devadoss, on the ground that the subject could be discussed during the general debate on the new budget.

The House took up consideration of non-official resolutions.

WANTED A COMMITTEE

Mr. Hossain Imam moved a resolution urging the appointment of a committee of economists and representatives of parties in the Central Legislature to go into the question of distribution and control of prices of the necessaries of life, especially foodstuffs, and to suggest remedial measures, which should be implemented by the Government. Messrs. Dalal, Badshah, Sapru, Sir Shantidas Askuran, Sardar Bahadur Sobha Singh and Mr. Daliker supported it.

Sir Jogendra Singh taking up the cause of the agriculturist said that in any examination of the present situation, the agriculturalproducers should not be ignored.

Sir S. N. Roy, War Transport Secretary, explained the position with regard to the alleged lack of transport. He did not think that the alleged wagon shortage had in any manner appreciably affected the transport of foodstuffs. Since August last, Government had been giving the highest priority to food, but three months later a situation arose in which nothing was offered to be transported although the wagons were there. There was a tendency to put the blame on transport.

Regarding coal he said that everything possible was being done to improve the wagon position and to approach the standard of quota already laid down.

CHINESE VISITORS

AFTER THE LUNCH INTERVAL THE MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE EDUCATIONAL MISSION VISITED THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND WATCHED FROM THE VICEROY'S BOX THE PROCEEDINGS OF INDIA'S UPPER HOUSE FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES.

Pandit Kunzru strongly supported Mr. H. Imam's resolution as it would help to solve the food and other joint problems.

The Commerce Secretary, Mr. V. R. Pillai, explained Government's position with regard to charcoal, firewood and kerosene and cloth. He declared that cloth purchased by the supply deparment this year would be on lower scale than last year.

He considered that the setting up of a committee of the kind suggested in the resolution would be of little value because Government were determinedly set on comprehensive plans regarding the supply of necessities of life in the country.

WILL DELAY ACTION

Mr. E. G. Holdsworth, of the food department, said that when the Government were faced with a problem for which urgent and immediate solution was required and which they had indeed started solving, the appointment of a committee had been suggested to the Government, the only result of which would be to delay action.

Winding up the debate, Mr. Hossain Imam said if a suggestion was made to the Government early enough, the Government refused to accept it by saying it was premature and if a solution was suggested after the problem had arisen, they said it was too late. He said the proposed committee was not bound to override the schemes and plans already made by the Government.

The Council rejected the resolution without division.

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

Members of the forces of the United States and China for the time being in British India are amenable to the normal jurisdiction of the British India Civil courts, said Sir Muhammed Usman, replying to a question by the Raja Yuvraj Dutta Singh, in the Council of State to-day.

"As regards criminal jurisdiction", he added "ordinary criminal courts in this country have jurisdiction to try members of the Chinese forces but no Criminal proceedings can be prosecuted in British India before any court against a member of the forces of the United States, unless on a presentation made on behalf of the U. S. A. Government in any particular case the Central Government directs otherwise, in respect of that particular case."

This provision, Sir Mohammed went on, rested on an agreement between the Government of India and the Government of the United States, which was of a reciprocal character.

In answer to a question by Sir Shantidass Askuran he said that the machinery set up for the study of reconstruction problems was considered adequate at the present stage, and it was not proposed to create a separate department of reconstruction.

Replying to Raja Yuvraj Dutta Singh, he revealed that Belgian Congo had dropped the proposal to send a Trade Mission to India with a view to investigating the possibilities of developing economic relations between India and the Congo.

NEW LIGHT ON U.K.C.C.

The Commerce Secretary, answering another question, said it was possible that His Majesty's Government might find it necessary to utilise the agency of the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation in the conditions immediately following the war period.

HE SAID THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE U.K.C.C. CONSTITUTING SOME 90 PER CENT OF THEIR OPERATIONS IN INDIA, WERE CONNECTED WITH ARRANGING INTER-GOVERNMENTAL SUPPLIES TO RUSSIA WHICH DISPLACED NO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

The Corporation's activities in India as principals were negligible and such as could not be seriously regarded as interfering with normal trade. Nor was it likely that any extension of the Corporation's activities in India would take place without the Government of India being consulted. There was therefore no reason, he concluded, to apprehend that the Corporation's operations in India would be allowed to develop in such a manner as might prove detrimental to Indian trade and industry.

DEBATE ON CURRENCY

The Council of State held a brief debate on Mr M. N. Dalal's resolution urging prompt and speedy measures in regard "to the situation created by the huge accumulation of sterling resources in the United Kingdom and the huge expansion of the volume of currency."

The discussion had not concluded when the Council adjourned till Saturday, March 6.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

I saw ex-Honourable Member Mody's long, black, shiny Dodge car at a Garage Service Depot. This was the car that once purred over the asphalt roads of the Imperial City, with a bright pennant on its radiator cap on which appeared the initials "E C." I asked the proprietor what was wrong with the car. "There's nothing wrong," he innocently replied, "but it's come from Delhi and needs cleaning." I suggested he should also fit a new sense of values, but he vaguely complained that spare parts were very difficult to get these days!

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Every morning Reuters test their ticker machine before starting the day's news on the creed. Yesterday's test read:

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party
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(After which I almost expected the first item of news to read: "Mahatma Gandhi ends his fast to-morrow.")

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I must draw attention of the "Times of India" to the fact that the famous Nurse was Cavell and not Wavell, as appears in its issue of yesterday—vide Handicaps for Thursday, when, according to the "Times of India", the Turf Club will have an event called the Nurse Wavell Plate (Div. 1). Fancy calling India's Commander-in-Chief a nurse, and that in the "Times of India"!

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ATLANTIC CHARTER

Asia Will Have Equal Status With Allied Powers Says Shafaat Ahmed

CAPETOWN, March 2.

In a speech Sir Shafaat Ahmed Khan said that three great powers of the world, England, America and Russia would play a leading part in the new age after the war, while Asia which so far had not yet been able to pull her full weight would also claim recognition of her complete equality with the peoples of other continents.

The position of Asia after the war would have to be fixed with precision; Asia must have organic significance in the new order which the war was going to fashion.

The way for the new order had been prepared by the Atlantic Charter the political part of which had many important implications which would be developed after the war.—Reuter.

NEW URUGUAY GOVT. TO STRENGTHEN BRAZIL?

MONTEVIDEO, March 1.

The new President of Uruguay, Dr. Am-Zaga, took oath of office on Monday afternoon before the Legislative Assembly.

All members of the Cabinet appointed by the new President, in which Stnor Jose Serrato is foreign Minister, are well-known supporters of democracy.

Senor Serrato has been President of the National pro-Allied Committee since the out-break of the war.

It is stated in well-informed quarters that the new Government will strengthen the military alliance with Brazil.—Reuter.

Demarcation Line Removed

LONDON, March 1.

Demarcation line between the Occupied and Unoccupied France was re-opened this morning first time since the Armistice 1940, according to the Swiss Radio. When the control was removed, masses of people made use of the opportunity to cross the line and southbound trains from Paris were packed with passengers. Trains from Paris to South France are booked up considerable time ahead. —Reuter.

Plea For Pan-Arabic Conference

CAIRO, March 2.

The suggestion that a pan-Arabic conference be called at an early date to discuss the future of Arabic countries was made by Abdel Rehman Azzam Bey, well-known Arab leader and Egyptian minister on Monday.—Reuter.

A.-I. RAILWAYMEN'S FEDERATION

MADRAS, March 1.

Mr. S. Guruswami, General Secretary of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation, announces that a special convention of the Federation will meet in Delhi on Wednesday, March 10, to consider the question of dearness allowance.—United Press.

UNTIMELY END OF A BRIGHT CAREER

Dr. Kusum Shetty, Honorary Radiologist of the J. J., Cama and Nair Hospitals and daughter of Dr. M. Venkatrao, Director of Powells Limited, Bombay, passed away on Tuesday morning after a brief illness.

DR. KUSUM SHETTY.

Miss Shetty was very popular with all her co-workers and was liked by everybody for her amiable nature. After passing the M.B.B.S. examination she proceeded to England and took her D. M. R. & E. As a Radiologist she made a name for herself in the short span of life she lived. The funeral was largely attended by medical men and friends of the family.

U. S. A. BOMBERS ATTACK GOKTEIK VIADUCT

Japanese Rly. Communication Cut Off

NEW DELHI, March 2.

The Gokteik Viaduct one of the railroad engineering marvels of the Far East, has been attacked by heavy and medium bombers of the tenth U.S. Air Force, states a communique issued by Rear Echelon, headquarters, United States Army Forces, China, Burma and India on Tuesday.

This vital link in the railroad between Mandalay and Lashio is 2,200 feet in length. Its many steel towers are buttressed on a natural bridge 550 feet above a river gorge. The tallest towers rise 320 feet above the natural bridge. It is located 85 miles from Mandalay and 98 miles from Lashio, rail head of the Burma Road. Its denial to the enemy will cut his rail communications supplying troops attacking Chinese defenders along the Burma-Yunnan border.

The viaduct was last attacked on February 24 with large calibre bombs. Direct hits and near hits are reported by the crew. Japanese fighters intercepted the planes 'en route' home and in a running battle which lasted for thirty minutes, one enemy plane was claimed as probably destroyed and a second plane damaged.

All of our planes returned, and one plane in the formation which was forced to turn back by engine trouble before reaching the target, released its bombs on railroad rolling stock at Paukkan. Direct hits and considerable damage was claimed.

On February 28 our heavy bombers attacked the railroad yards at Thazi. Hits were reported on the main line and sidings. All aircraft returned.—A. P.

RUSSIA ON POLISH GOVT.'S IMPERIALISTIC DESIGNS

MOSCOW, March 2.

The Soviet News Agency last night issued an official statement replying to the Polish declaration on Soviet-Polish relations of February 25.

The Statements says, "The Polish Government refuses to recognise the historic rights of the Ukrainians and Byelo-Russian peoples to be united within their national states.

Leading Soviet circles are of the opinion that denial of the right of Ukrainian and Byelo-Russian peoples to reunion with their blood brothers bears witness to an imperialistic tendency whereas references of the Polish Government to the Atlantic Charter have no foundation whatever.

The Atlantic Charter does not entitle anyone to encroach upon the national rights of the Ukranians and Byelo-Russians, but on the contrary it has its origin in the principle of recognition of national rights of peoples.

Even Lord Curzon despite his inimical attitude to the U.S.S.R. realised that Poland cannot put forward a claim to the Ukrainian and Byelo-Russian lands.

The assertion that Poland until the beginning of this war refused to collaborate in any way with Germany against the Soviet Union does not correspond with reality.

While the world knows of the pro-Fascist policy of approachment with Germany of the Polish Government and its Minister Beck who tried to oppose Poland to the Soviet Union.

The Slav peoples must not quarrel among themselves but must live in friendship in order to rid themselves of the danger of the German yoke"

The statement continues, "Such policy of Polish leading circles weakness in the first place Poland herself and breaks the united front of Slav peoples in their struggle against German invasion.

The declaration of the Polish Government bears witness to the fact that the present Polish ruling circles do not reflect in this matter the genuine opinion of the Polish people whose interests in the struggle for liberation of their country and for restoration of a strong and united Poland and indissolubly linked with the strengthening to the utmost of mutual confidence and friendship with the brotherly peoples of the Ukraine and Byelorussia as well as with the Russian people and other peoples of the U. S. S. R."

U. S. HELP TO SOVIET

WASHINGTON, March 1

The Lease-Lend Administrator Mr. Edward Stettinius, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to-day that from March 11 1941 to January 31, 1943 the United States transferred and serviced under the Lease-Lend to the United Nations to the value of 8,935 million dollars. Seven thousand one hundred seventy five million dollars represented goods and 1,760 million represented services rendered. Owing to Lease-Lend "in reverse" it was unnecessary to spend more than 25,000 dollars monthly to maintain the American army in the British Isles. About 90 per cent of the goods transferred had been exported and a great majority had safely arrived.

FREEING OF BURMA

The Chinese agree that the freeing of Burma and the reopening of the Burma Road is one of the most important contributions we can make in the fight against Japan. To some degree supplies to carry out these and other military plans cut into supplies which might be sent to China under the Lease-Lend.

Mr. Edward Stettinius said that eight complete industrial plants—three each for Russia and Australia and two for India—operating in this country have been taken over by Government for Lend-Lease shipment.—Reuter.

WAIT AT HOME FOR RATION CARDS

Govt. Will Tell You How To Get Your Supplies

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:—

The enumeration of the inhabitants of Bombay City for the purpose of making out food ration cards has been completed, and issue of ration cards to householders will begin from the morning of Thursday March 4.

Cards will be delivered to the head of each household at his residence or to a responsible adult member of his household. The person to whom the card is delivered will have to sign, or give his thumb impression on the form which the Distributing Officer will carry with him.

Thursday, March 4, is a public holiday. In addition Monday, March 8, will be declared a public holiday and a mill holiday so as to enable all persons to stay at home to receive their ration cards. Therefore every householder is particularly requested to remain present at home or to see that a responsible adult member of his family remains present at home during these five days, until he receives his family card.

All employers of labour—be it clerical, industrial, casual, domestic or any other—are earnestly requested to bring these arrangements to the notice of their work people as soon as possible.

Further information as to the nature and quantity of the rationed food and how to obtain it etc., will issue later.

WHAT TO DO WITH THE CARD

The following instructions will accompany the ration cards:

After the introduction of rationing in Bombay, the date of which will be announced later, you will not be able to purchase rice, bajra, jowar, wheat and their products without this ration card.

The Government will let you know shortly the dates within which you will have to register with an authorised distributor for your supplies against this ration card.

Meanwhile,

(1) KEEP IT SAFELY WITH YOU until the Government tells you what to do with it;

(2) Remember that you must not give or sell this card to any other person; if you do, you and your family will not get food under rationing.

If you want information about rationing make enquiries at the following Rationing Offices:

A Ward, Council Hall, Fort.
B Ward, Cutchi Memon Jamat Khana, 128, Zakeria Musjid Street.
C Ward, Lecture Hall, Hirachand Gumanji Dharmashala (Hira Baug), C. P. Tank.
D Ward, Muzafarabad Hall, Proctor Road, Bombay No. 4.
E Ward, First Floor of Salvation Army Building, Junction of Sankli Street and Ripon Street, Morland Road, Byculla.
F Ward, Labour Welfare Centre, Naigaum, Dadar.
G Ward, Brahman Sahayak Sangh Premises, Plot No. 113-115, Shivaji Park Road No. 3, Dadar, Bombay No. 16.

AMMUNITION AND COPIES OF "RED SUNDAY" FOUND

3 Brokers And Another Arrested In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, March 1.

Bombshells, a hand-grenade cartridges gun powder, different acids, an igniter consisting of a detonator fitted with a safety fuse caps cap-holders and copies of a leaflet entitled "Red Sunday" are alleged to have been found on the last New Year's Day, and in this connection three brokers and another were arrested and sent up for trial before the Chief Presidency Magistrate.

The Magistrate ordered them to remain in jail custody, to-day.—United Press.

Victim Of Stabbing Outrage Dies

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Narayan Bamayya Shetty, another victim of the alleged assault and stabbing by Pathans at Cadell Road, Bombay on Saturday night succumbed to his injuries in the K. E. M. Hospital last night.

It was stated that the deceased was a servant in a tea shop at Shivaji Park.

On Saturday last when he was going to Kashinath Dhuru Road he was stabbed by some Pathans. He was removed to the K. E. M. Hospital by his friends where he died last night.

The third person who was also seriously injured is now stated to be improving.

The Dadar Police are investigating into the case and one Pathan has been taken in custody.

New President Of Bengal Council

CALCUTTA, March 2.

Sir B. P. Singh Roy, President of the Indian National Liberal Federation and Ex-Minister, Bengal, was elected President of the Bengal Legislative Council this afternoon.

Sir B. P. Singh Roy polled 29 votes against 25 votes polled by Mr Abdul Hamid Chowdhury, deputy President of the Council. Altogether 55 members participated in the voting. One ballot paper was rejected.

The vacancy was caused by the death of Mr. S. C. Mitra, who had been President since 1937.—A. P.

Hyderabad Appeal To Join I. M. S.

HYDERABAD, Feb. 28.

An appeal to the members of the Associations and other medical men to persuade young graduates to enlist themselves in the emergency commission of the I.M.S. is made in a resolution passed at a joint meeting of the Hyderabad Medical Association, the Hyderabad branch of the British Medical Association and the Hyderabad branch of the Indian Medical Association held at the Osmania Medical College under the presidentship of Dr. Hyder Ali.

Another resolution urges recognition by the Indian Medical Council of the L.M. & S. Diplomas granted by H. E. H. the Nizam's Government up to the year 1930 in view of the present day acute urgency for increasing the number of medical personnel in the defence of the country.

A third resolution expresses gratitude to H. E. H. the Nizam's Government for proposing the recognition of the M.B.B.S. (Osmania) degree and to the Government of India for having used their good offices in getting the above degree recognised by the Indian Medical Council.—A.P.

CONGRESS PARTY ATTENDS MUNICIPAL MEETING

Elections To Statutory Committees Take Place In Crowded Hall

After a long time the Municipal Corporation Hall was crowded on Monday afternoon as a large number of Councillors of the Nationalists Municipal Congress Party attended to record their votes for the elections of the Statutory Committees. The results which will be formally declared at the next meeting of the Municipal Corporation were as follows:—

STANDING COMMITTEE: There were 17 candidates for 8 seats out of whom the following eight are successful:

(1) Mr. Madhavlal M. Shah (2) Mr. Mohanlal M. Desai (3) Mr. K. H. Goregaonkar, (4) Mr. R. A. Gole, (5) Mr. S. S. Mirajkar (6) Mr. Vasantram Jamietram (7) Mr. M. I. Rowji and (8) Mr. V. B. Gandhi.

IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: There were 14 candidates for 8 seats. Following eight are successful:

(1) Khan Bahadur Mahomedally Allabux, (2) Dr. B. H. Rajyadhaksha, (3) Mr. K. G. Tambe (4) Mr. K. H. Goregaonkar (5) Mr. Devji Rattansey, (6) Mr. K. M. Bhujpuria, (7) Mr. C. J. Shah and (8) Mr. V. A. Karapurkar.

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE: There were 12 candidates for 6 vacancies. The following six Councillors were elected:—

(1) Dr. Mrs. Malinibai Sukhtankar, (2) Dr. P. H. Mehesheri, (3) Mrs. Lilavati K. Munshi (4) Mrs. Khadija Shuffi Tyebji, (5) Mr. Z. J. Choudhary and (6) Mr. B. M. Khandary.

Among the non-councillor members the following two candidates were elected:—

(1) Mrs. Kantaben Khandawala and (2) Mrs. Lilavati V. Velinkar.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST: For two seats on the Bombay Trust Board, there were five candidates. The following two were declared elected:—

(1) Dr. J. A. Collaco and (2) Mr. Gordhandas G. Morarji.

Turkish Press Delegation Leaves India

KARACHI, March 2.

The Turkish Press Delegation left India on the conclusion of their tour of India.

They were seen off at the airport by Major M. O. A. Baig of the Indian Political Service and Mr. Ali Jawad, Deputy Principal Information Officer, Government of India.—A. P.

MOVE FOR CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION

BOMBAY March 2.

Thirteen leading Catholics of Bombay city and the suburban district recently met at Archbishop's house on the invitation of His Grace the Archbishop of Bombay to consider the question of an organisation of Catholics for civic and political purposes and also to decide the question of Catholic co-operation with the Protestant organisation, the All-India Conference of Indian Christians. His Grace made it clear that this was to be entirely decided by laymen and he would watch with sympathetic interest any move made by lay catholics.

Rev. Father Benaguer, the Vicar General of the Arch Diocese was present at the meeting in the absence of His Grace the Archbishop.

Dr. J. A. Collaco presided.

Principal A. Soares, Mr. Joachim Alva and others addressed the meeting.

A resolution was passed with one dissentient that those who were present at the meeting at the Archbishop's house should convene a public meeting of Catholics in order to form an Association of Indian Catholics of Bombay and Suburbs.—A. P.

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